

# The Next Decade of Physics with PHENIX

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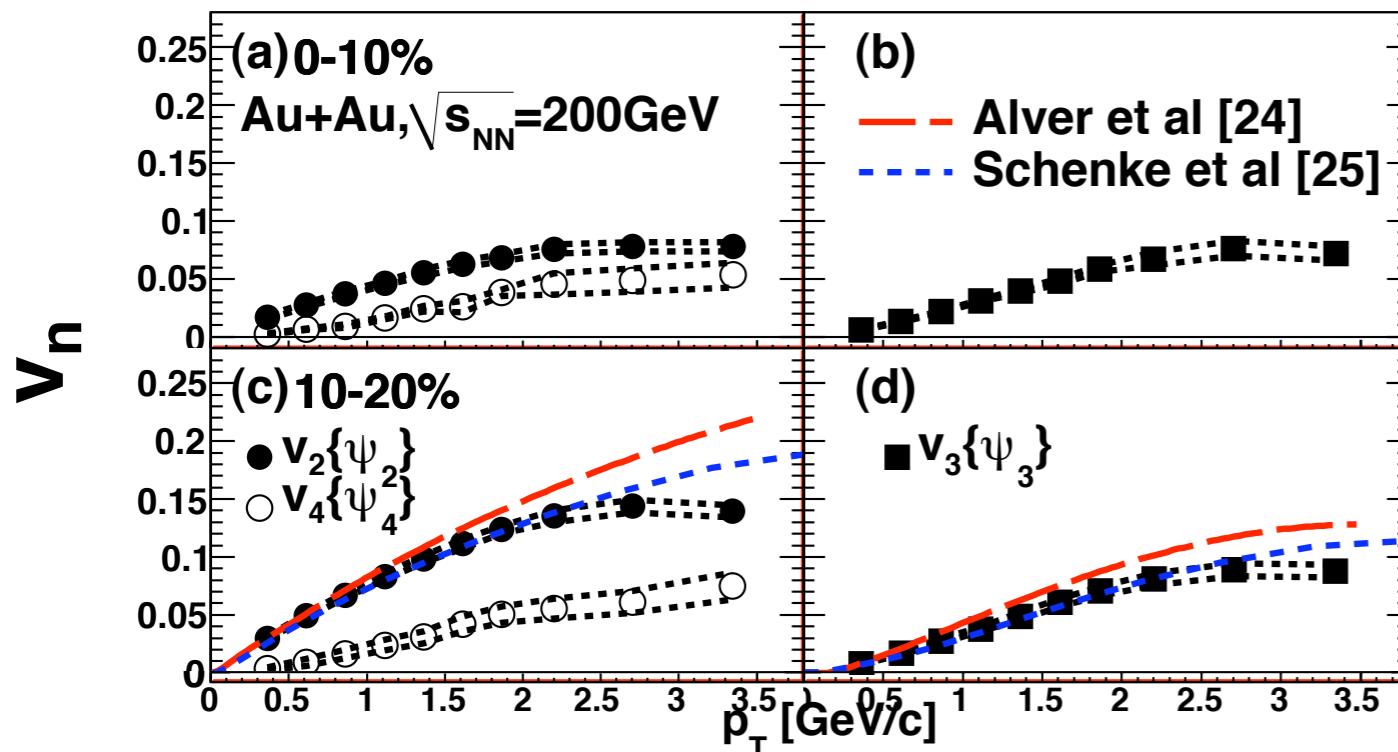
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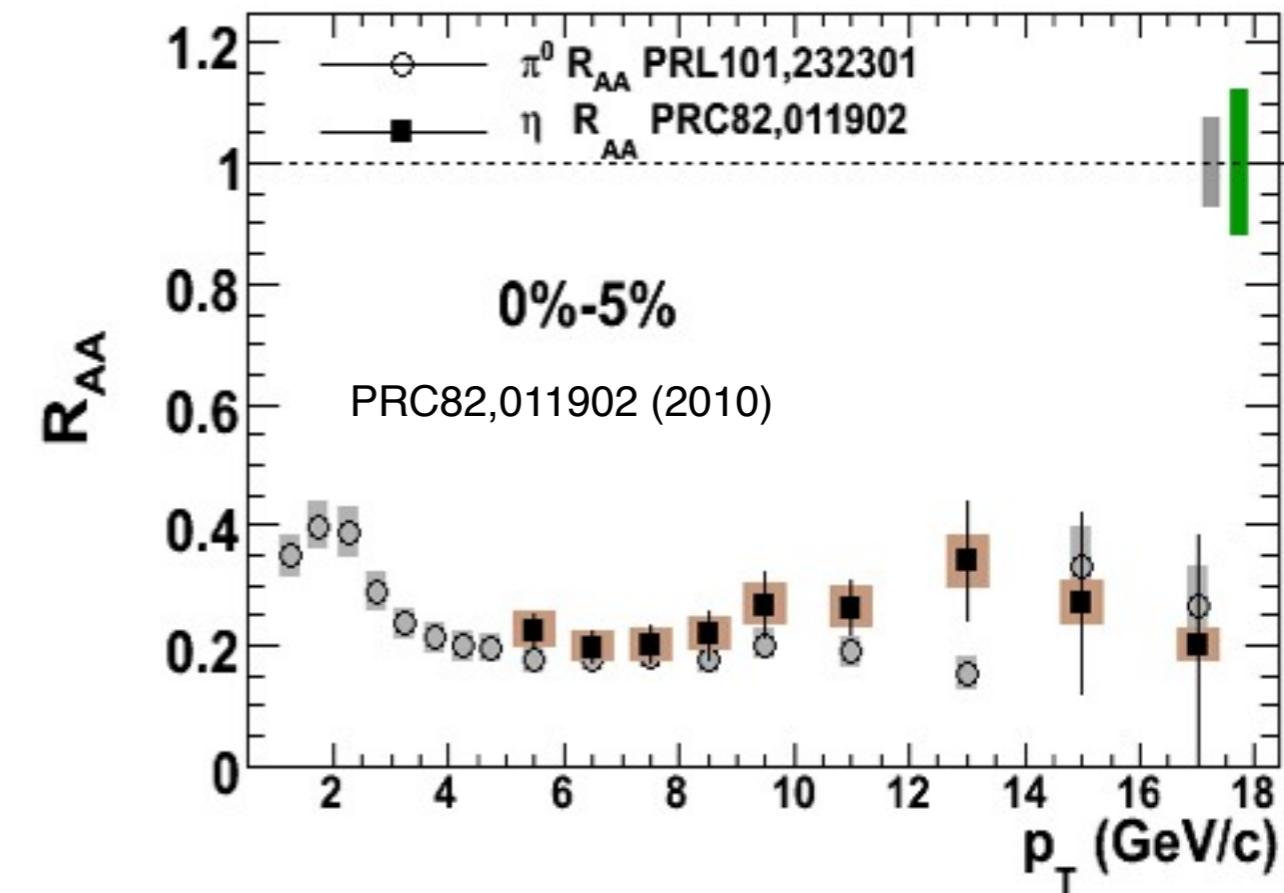
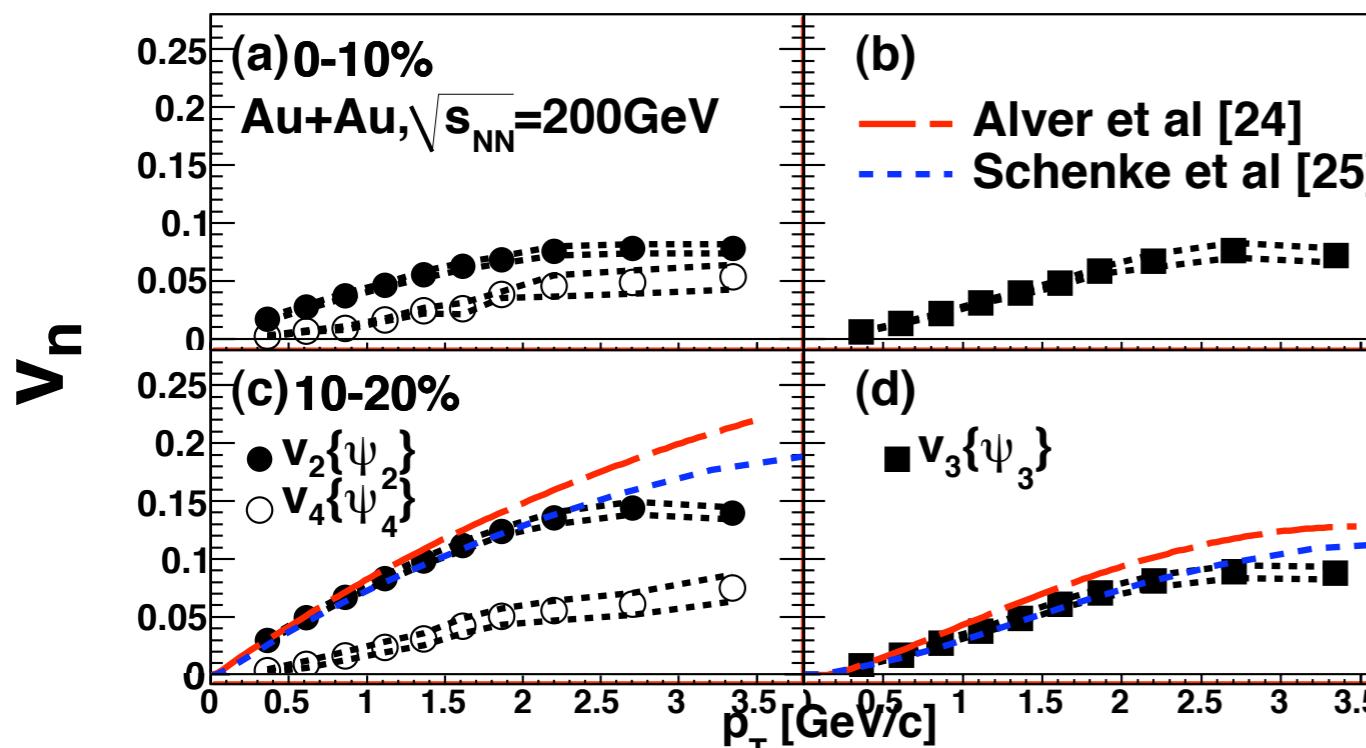
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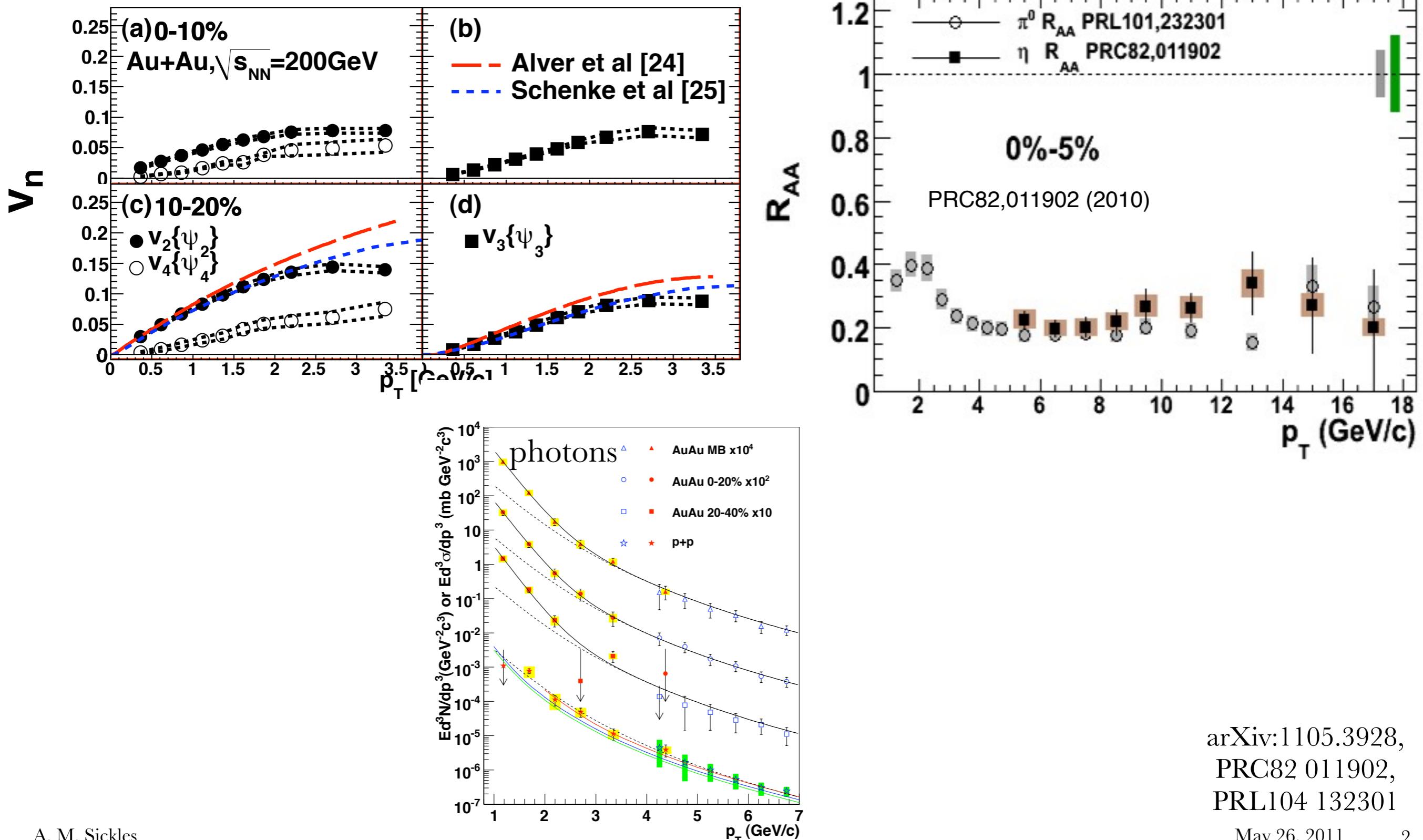
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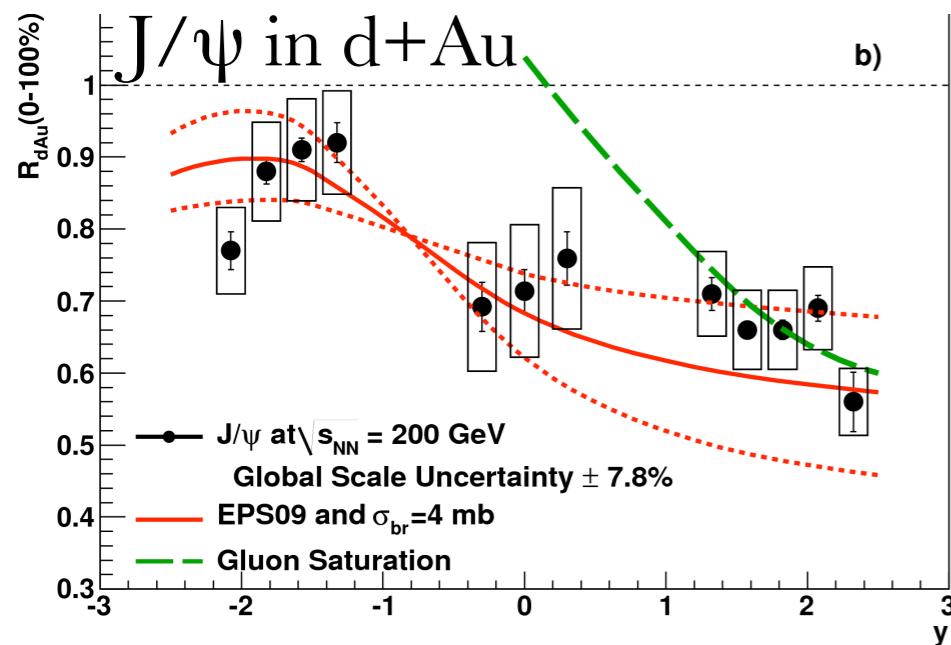
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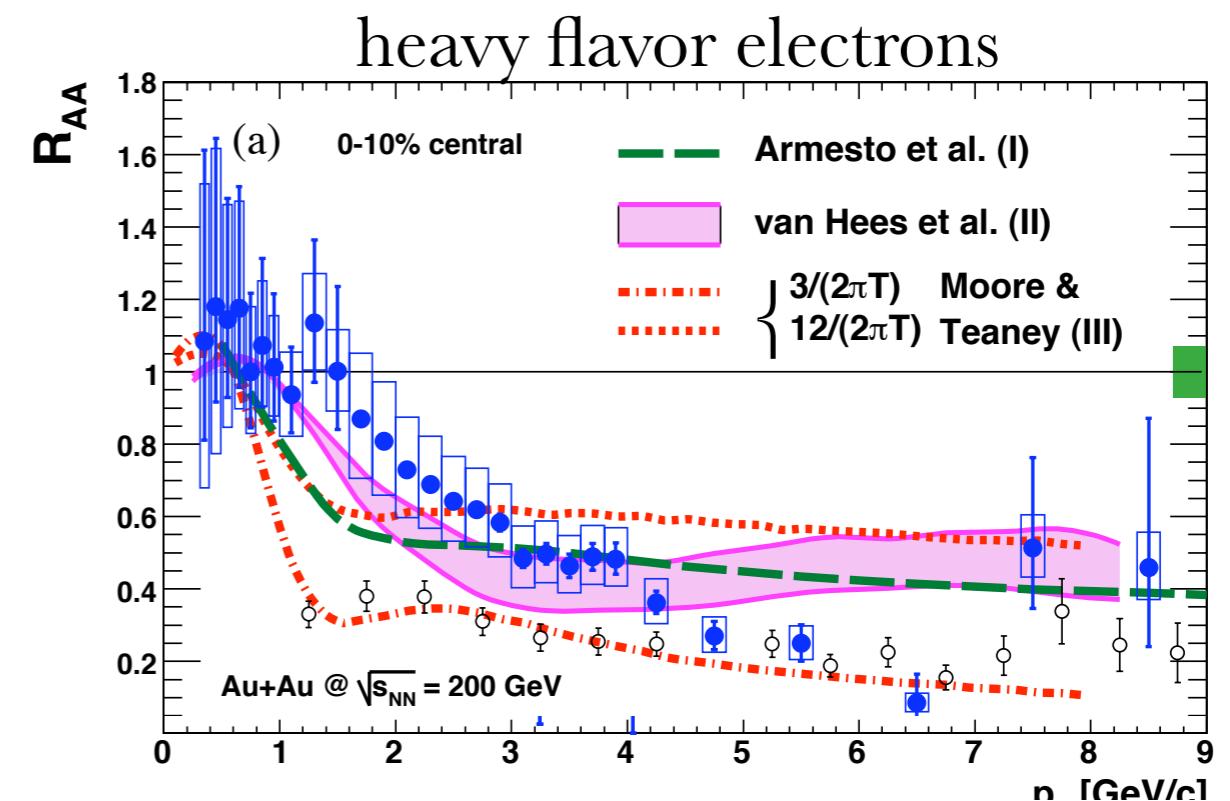
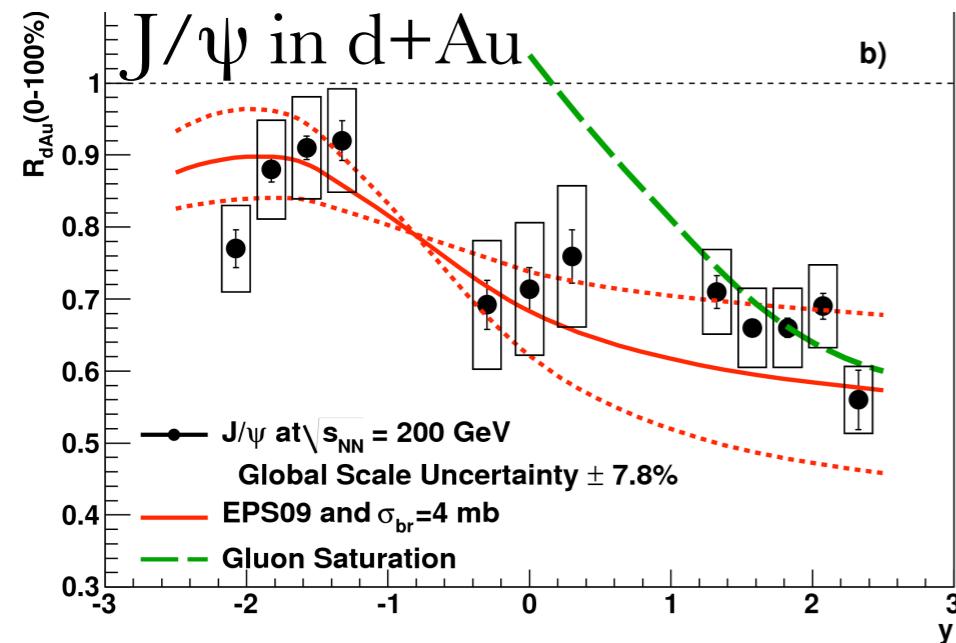
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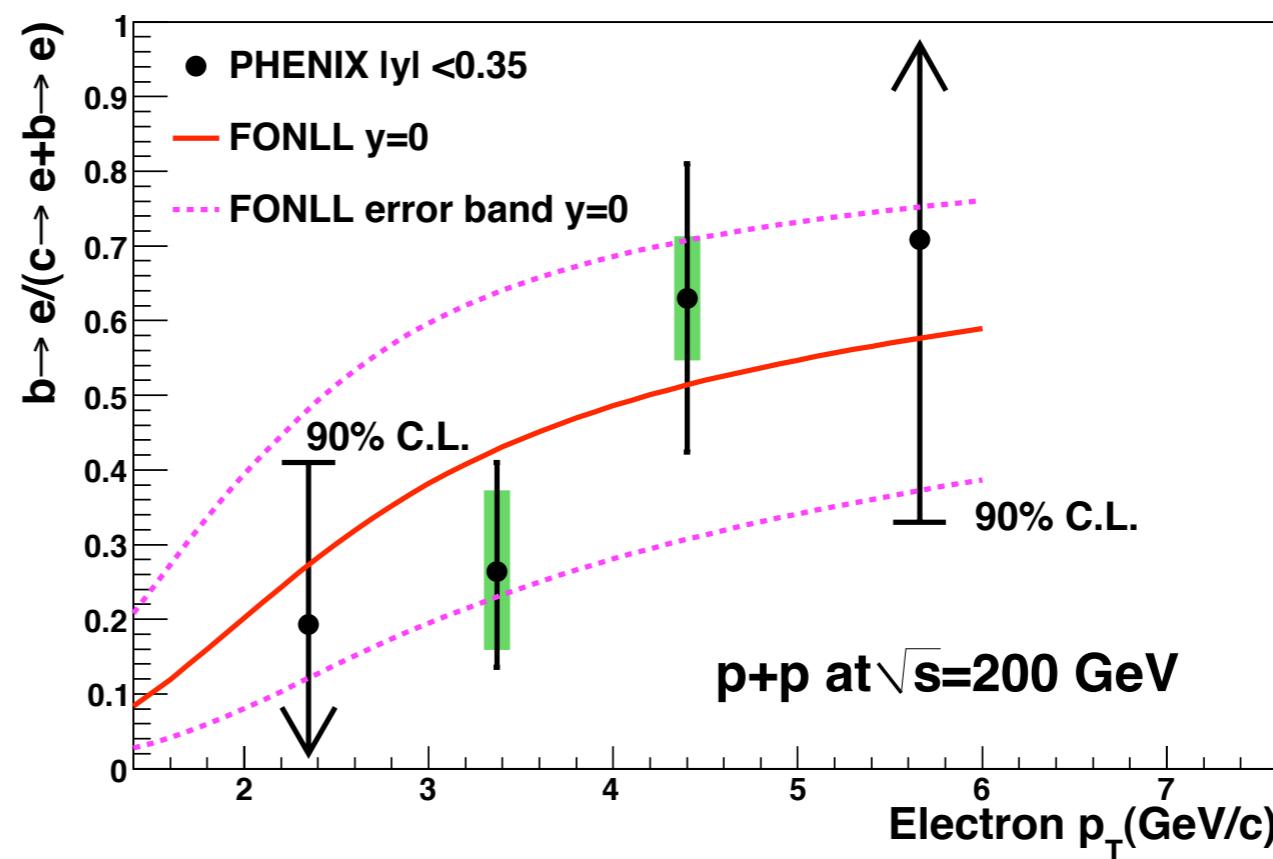
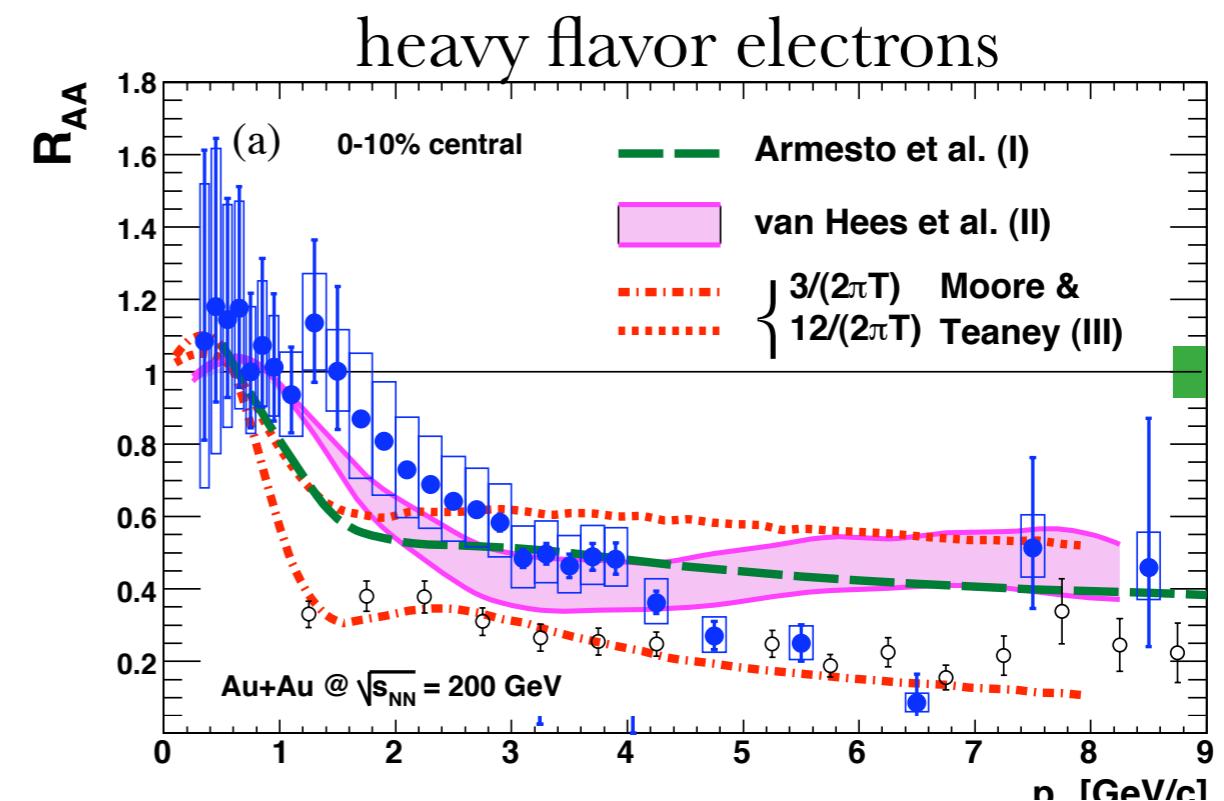
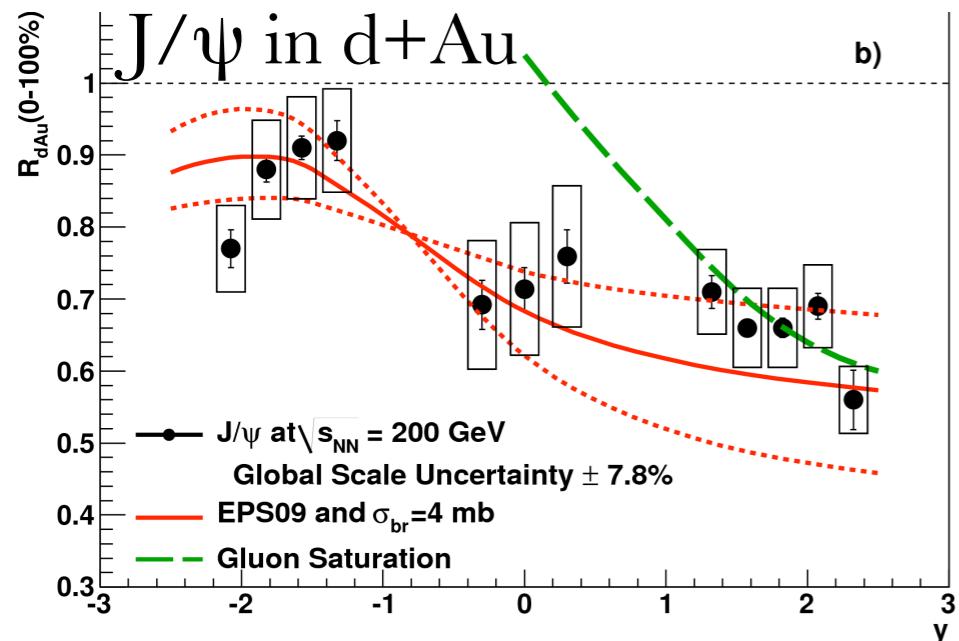
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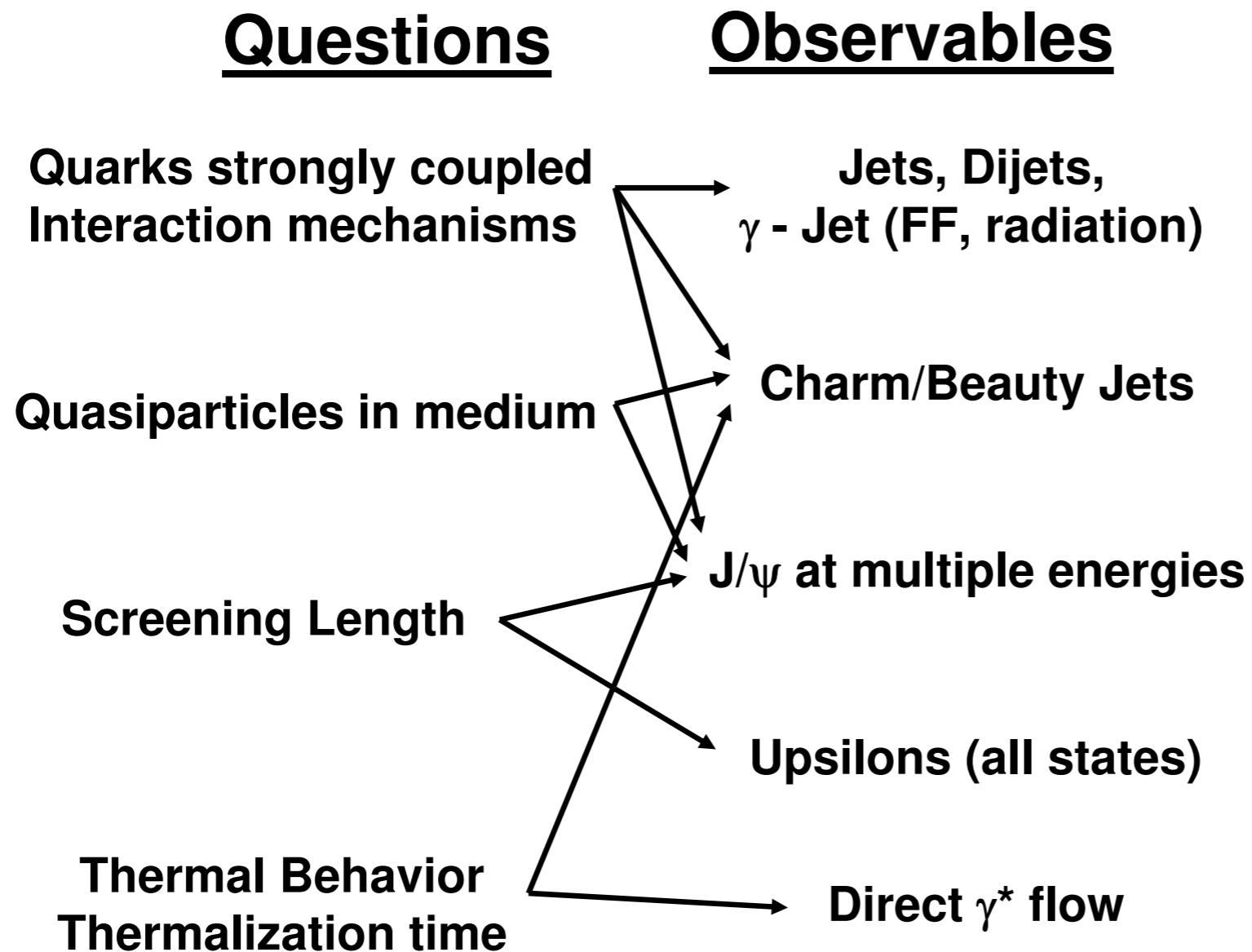
**Quarks strongly coupled  
Interaction mechanisms**

**Quasiparticles in medium**

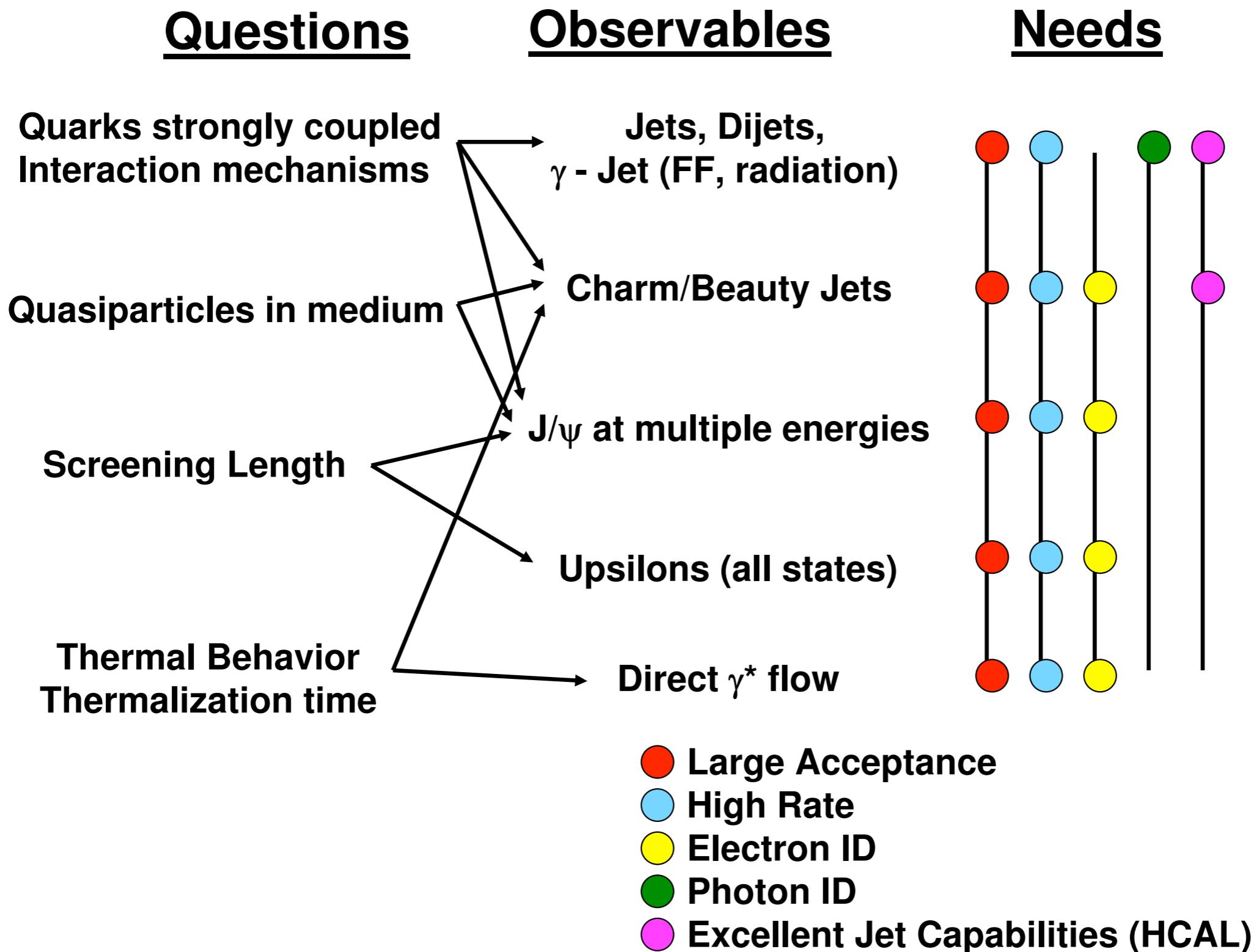
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**Thermal Behavior  
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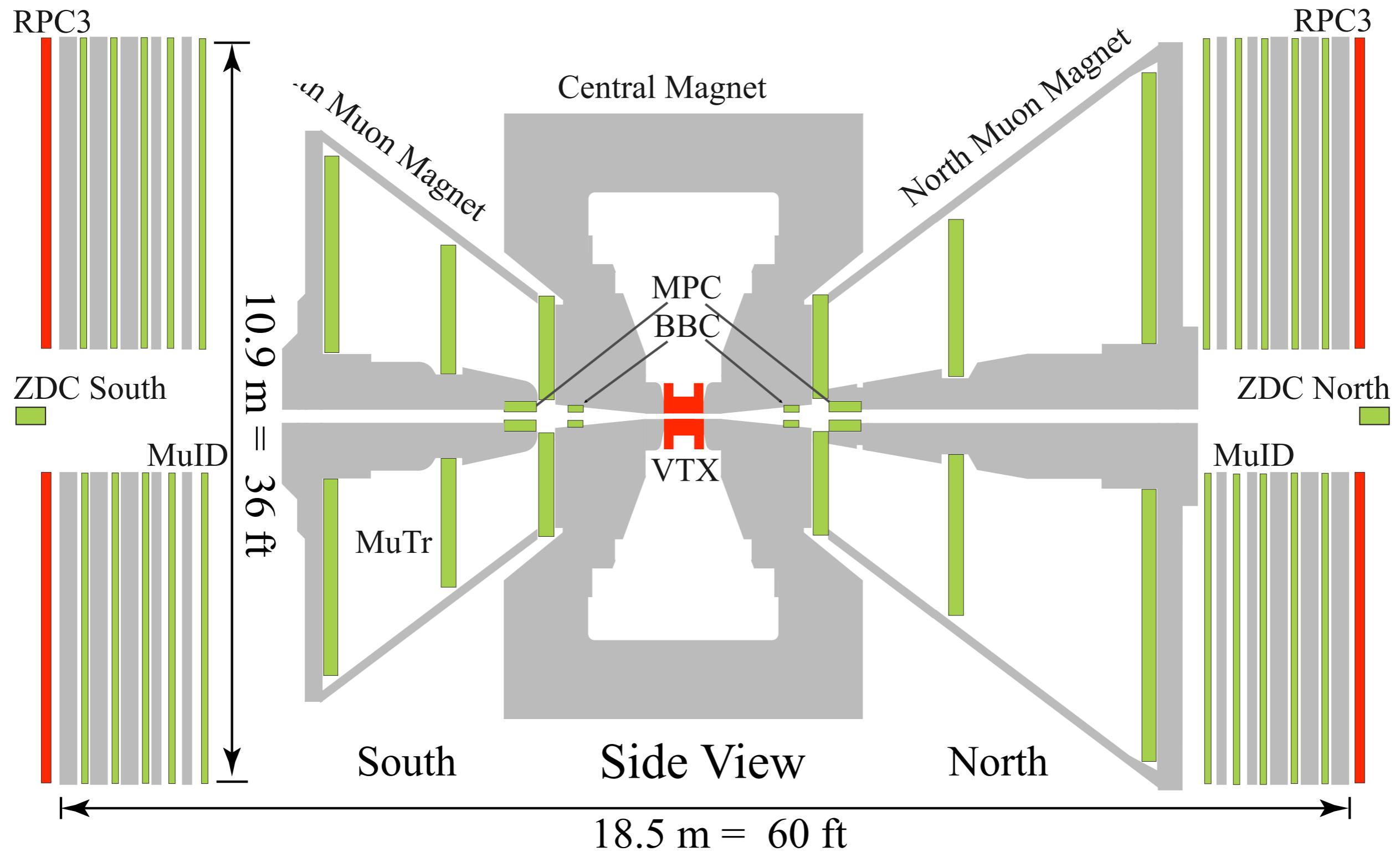
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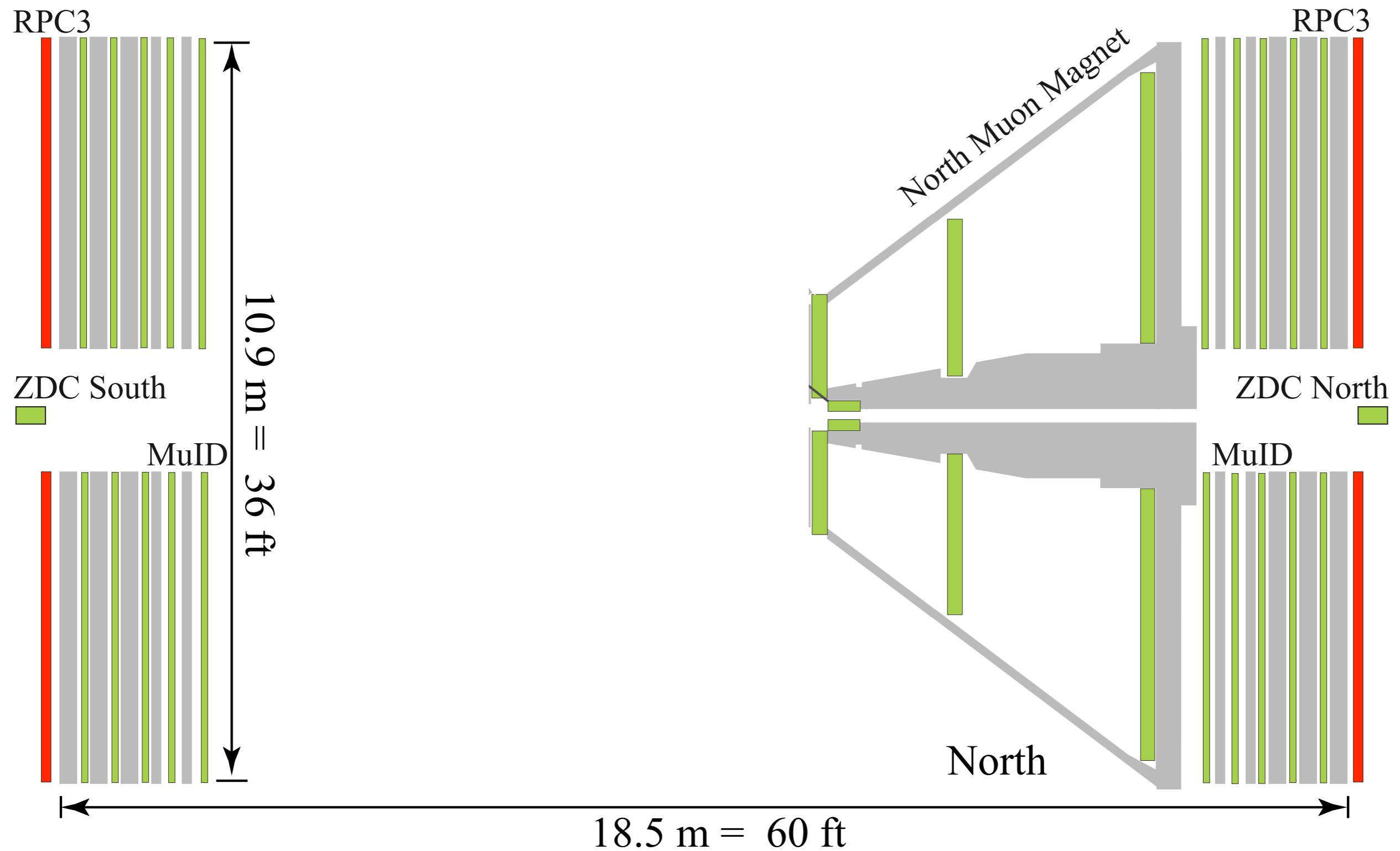
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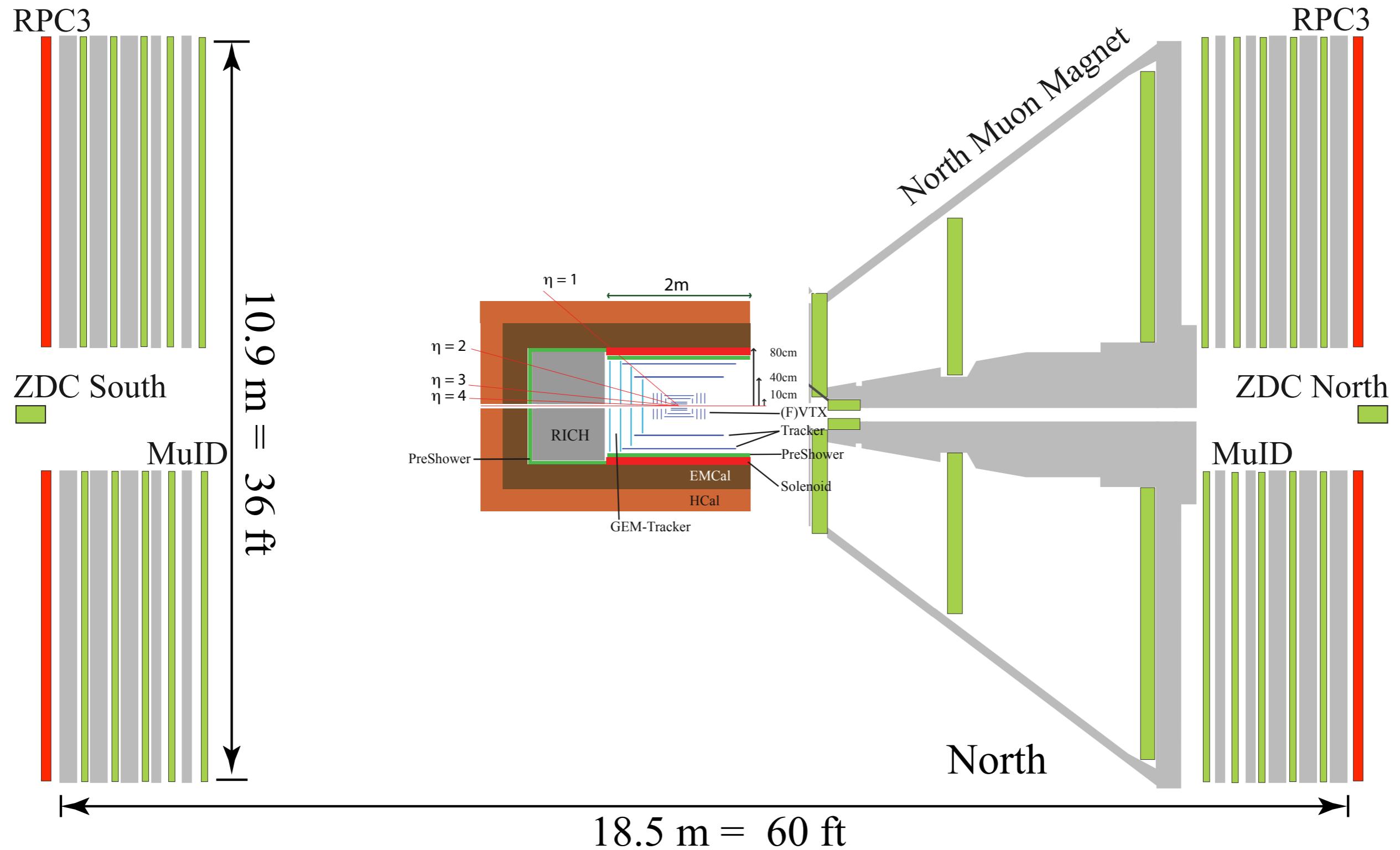
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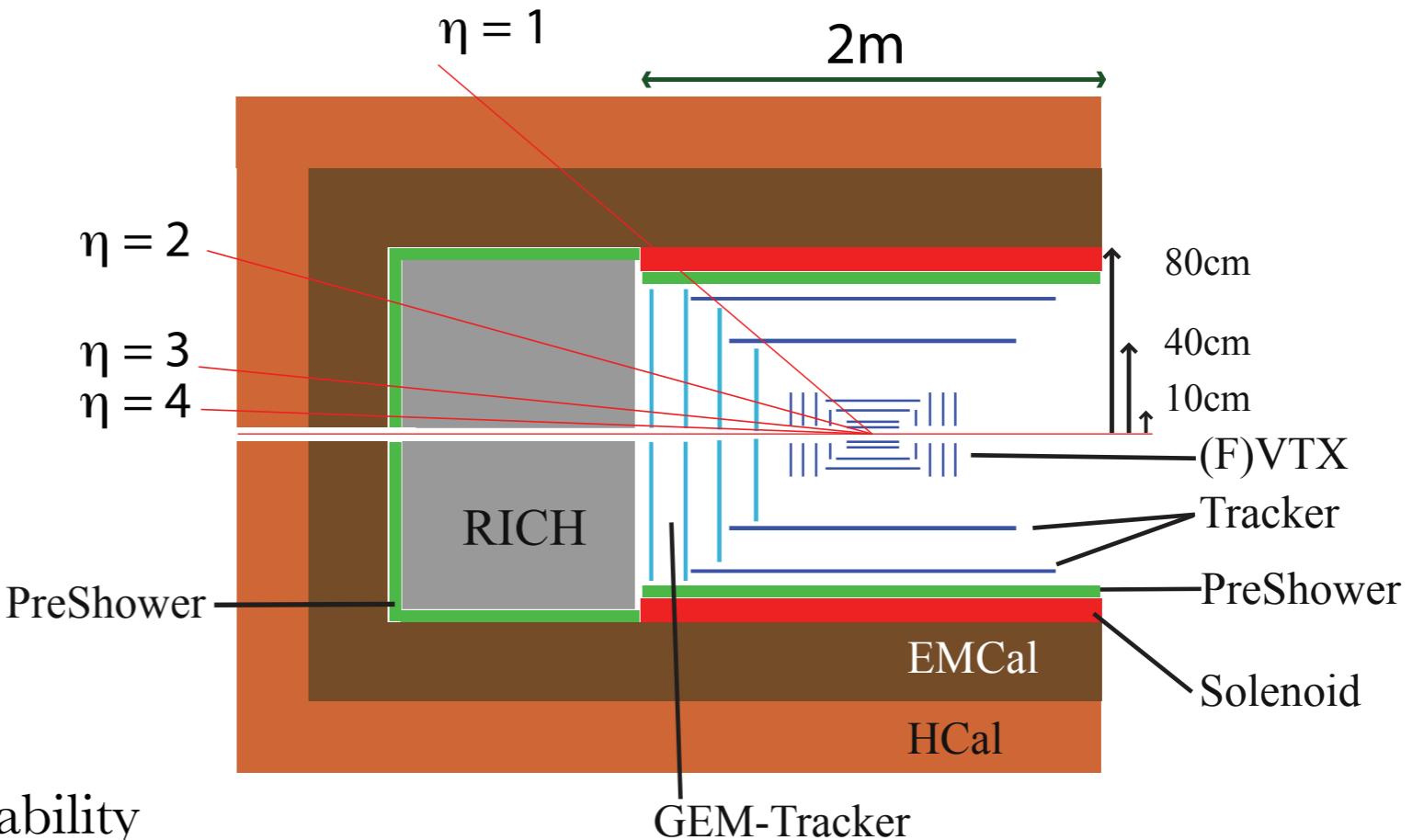
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# sPHENIX plan



- maintain PHENIX high rate capability
  - record lots of heavy ion data without rare triggers
- retain current (future) silicon vertex detectors (VTX, FVTX)
- large uniform acceptance
- hadronic calorimetry at midrapidity
  - first at RHIC
  - provides the jet resolution & efficiency to extend to high pT
- forward detectors for useful for spin, asymmetric collisions & e-p/e-A, A-A

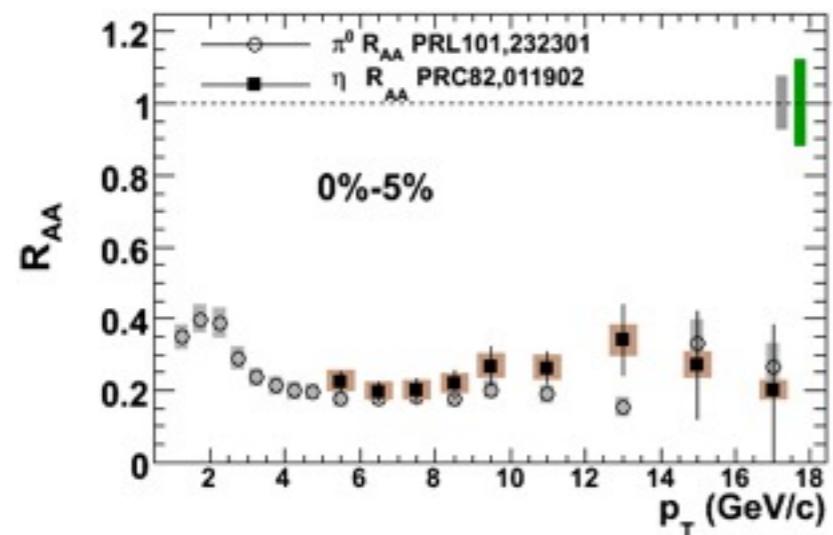
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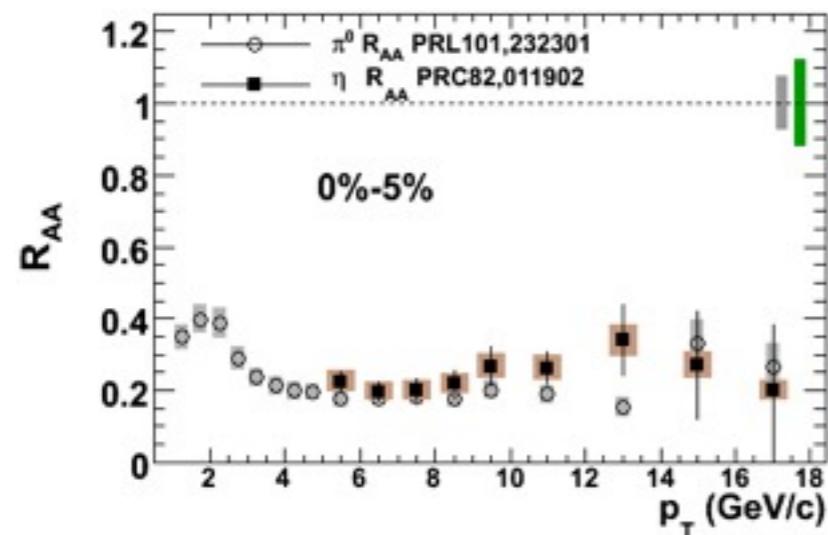
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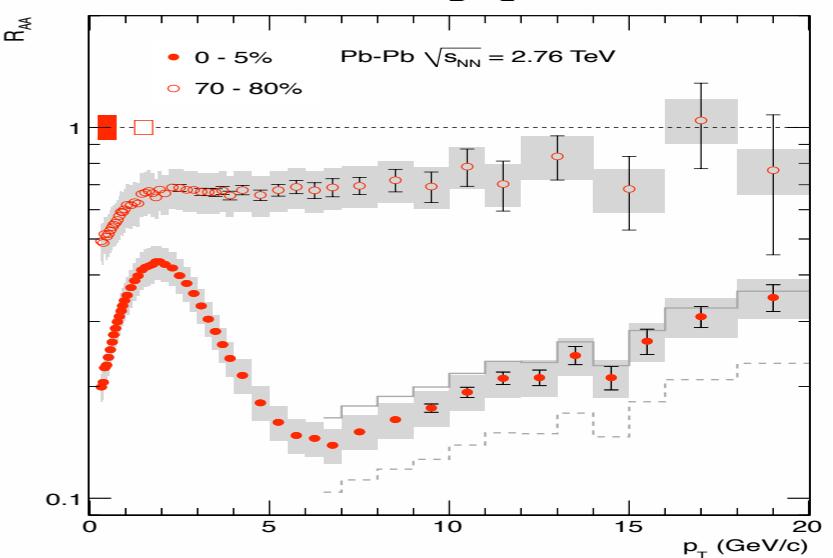


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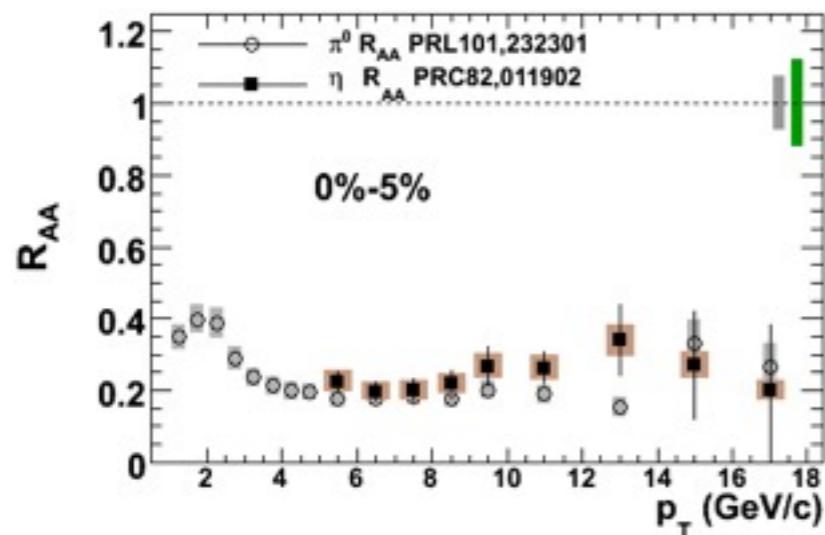


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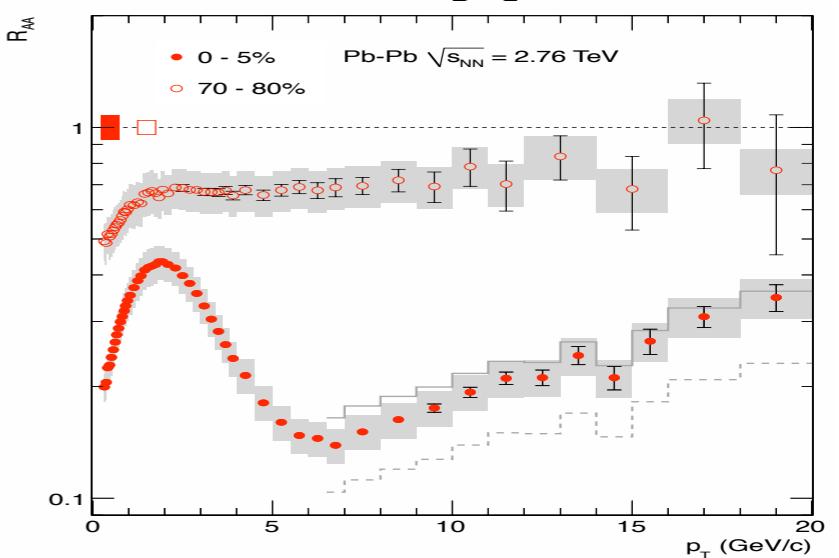


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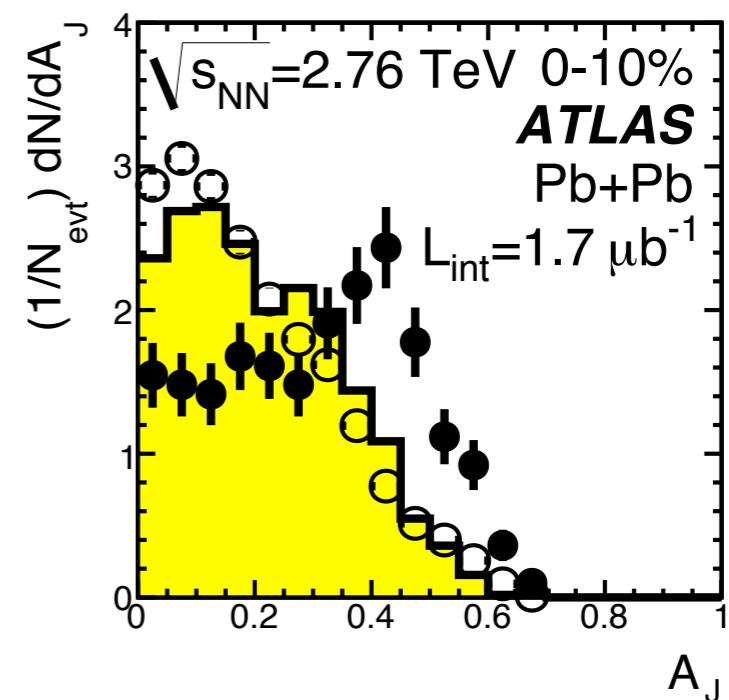
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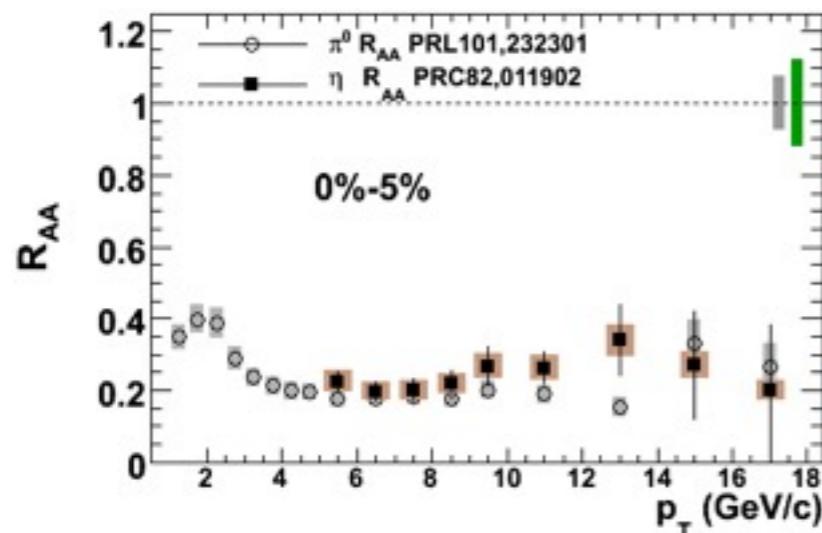


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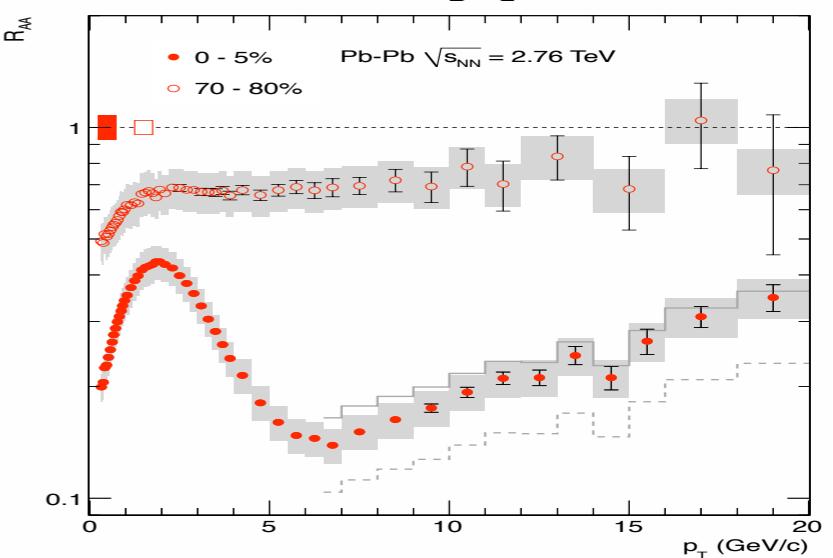


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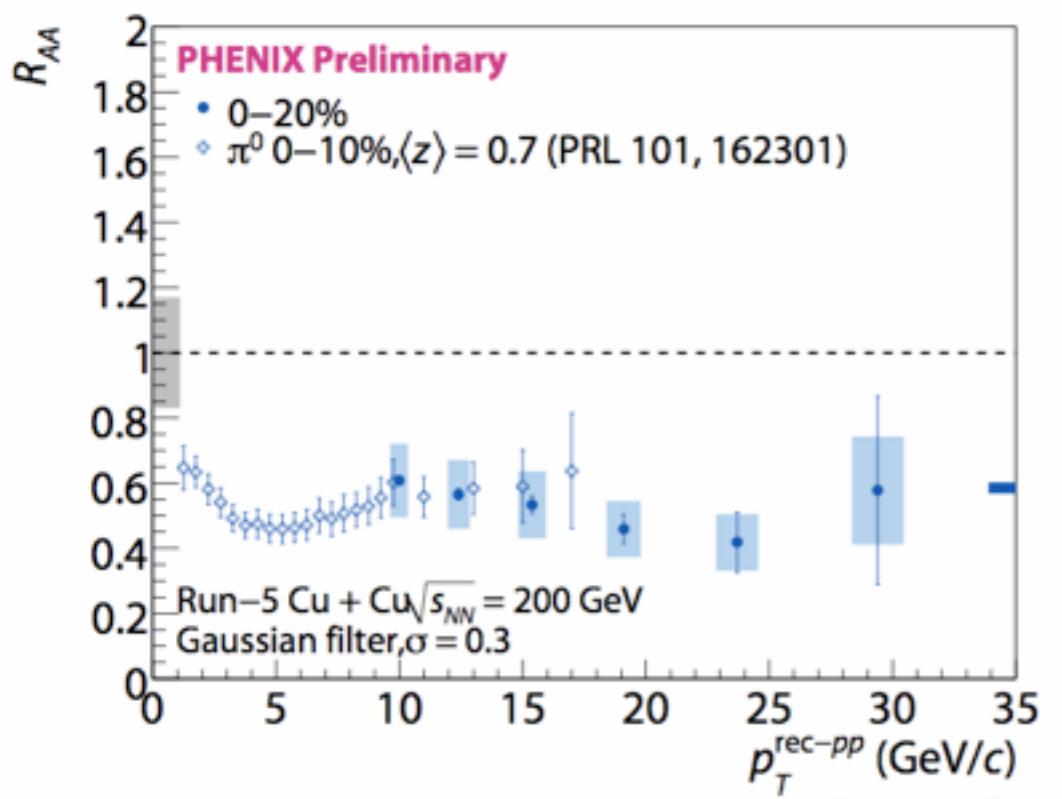
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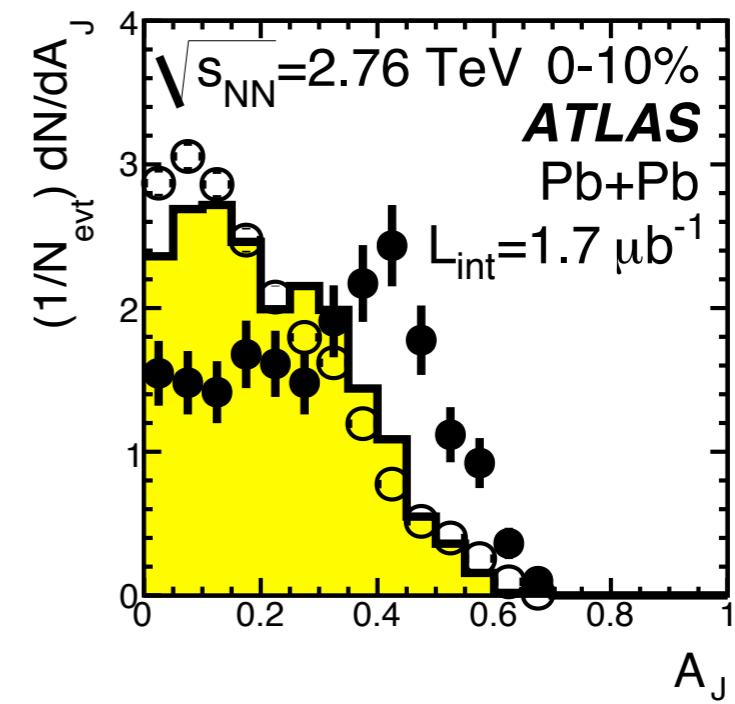
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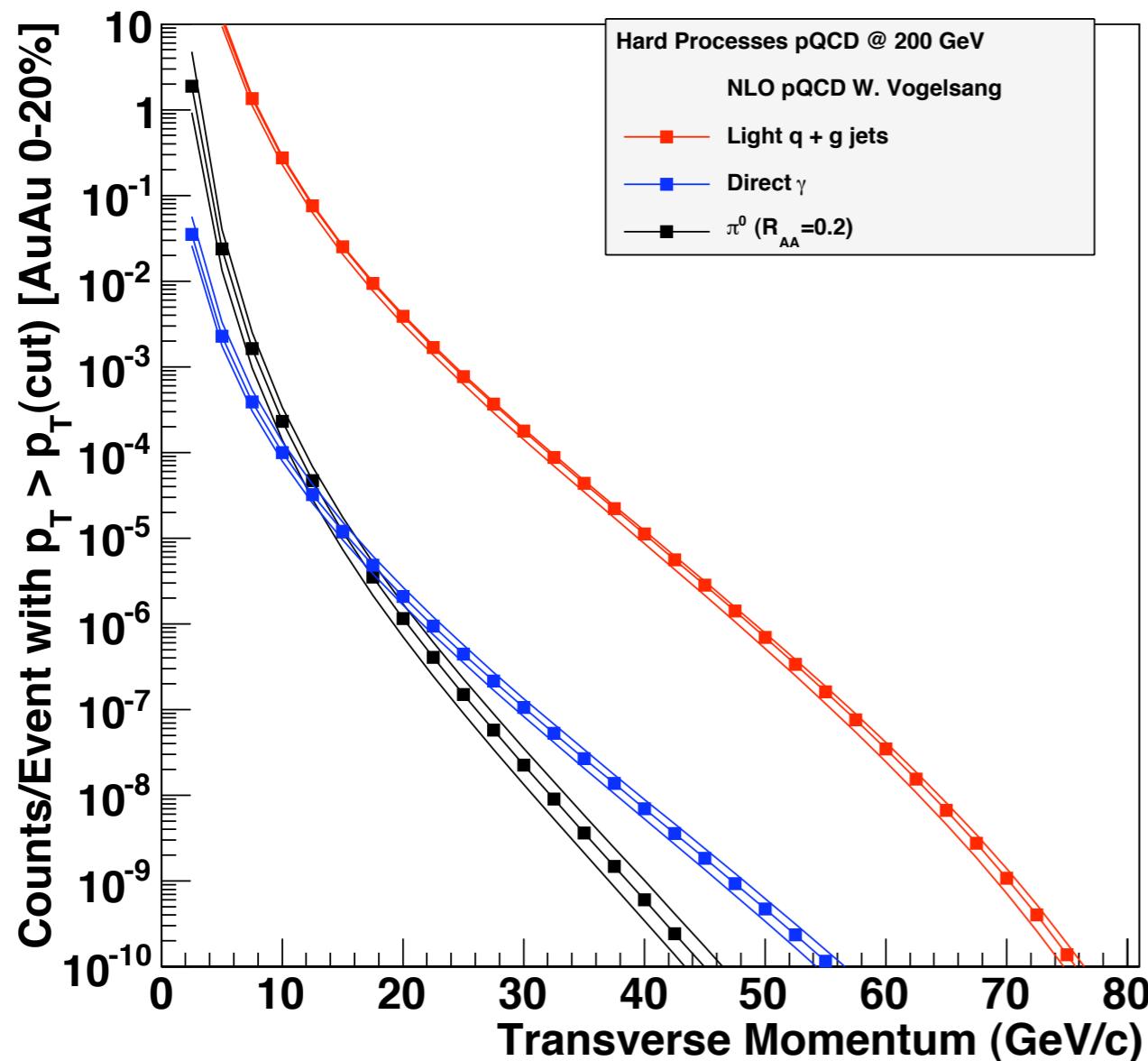
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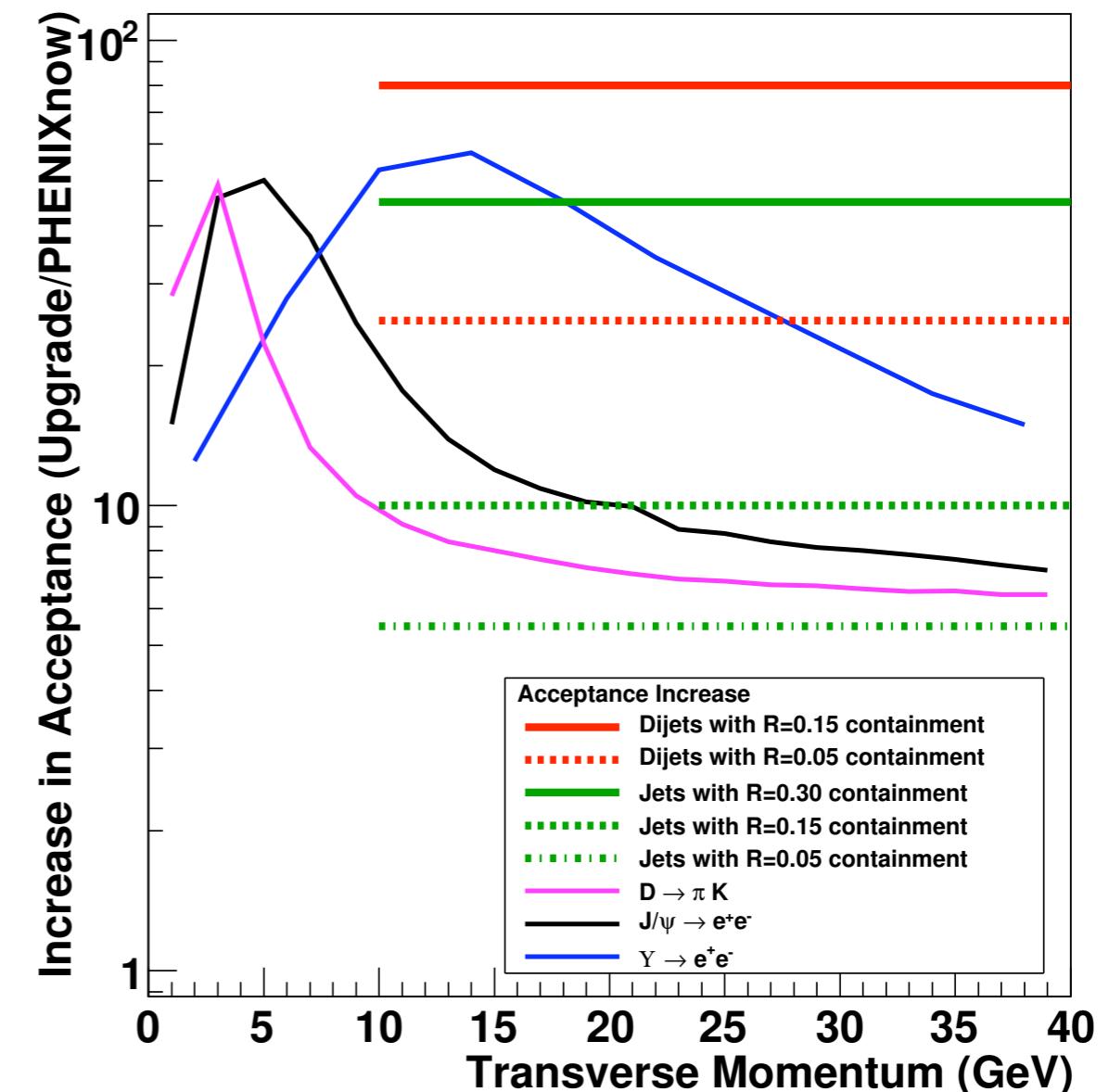
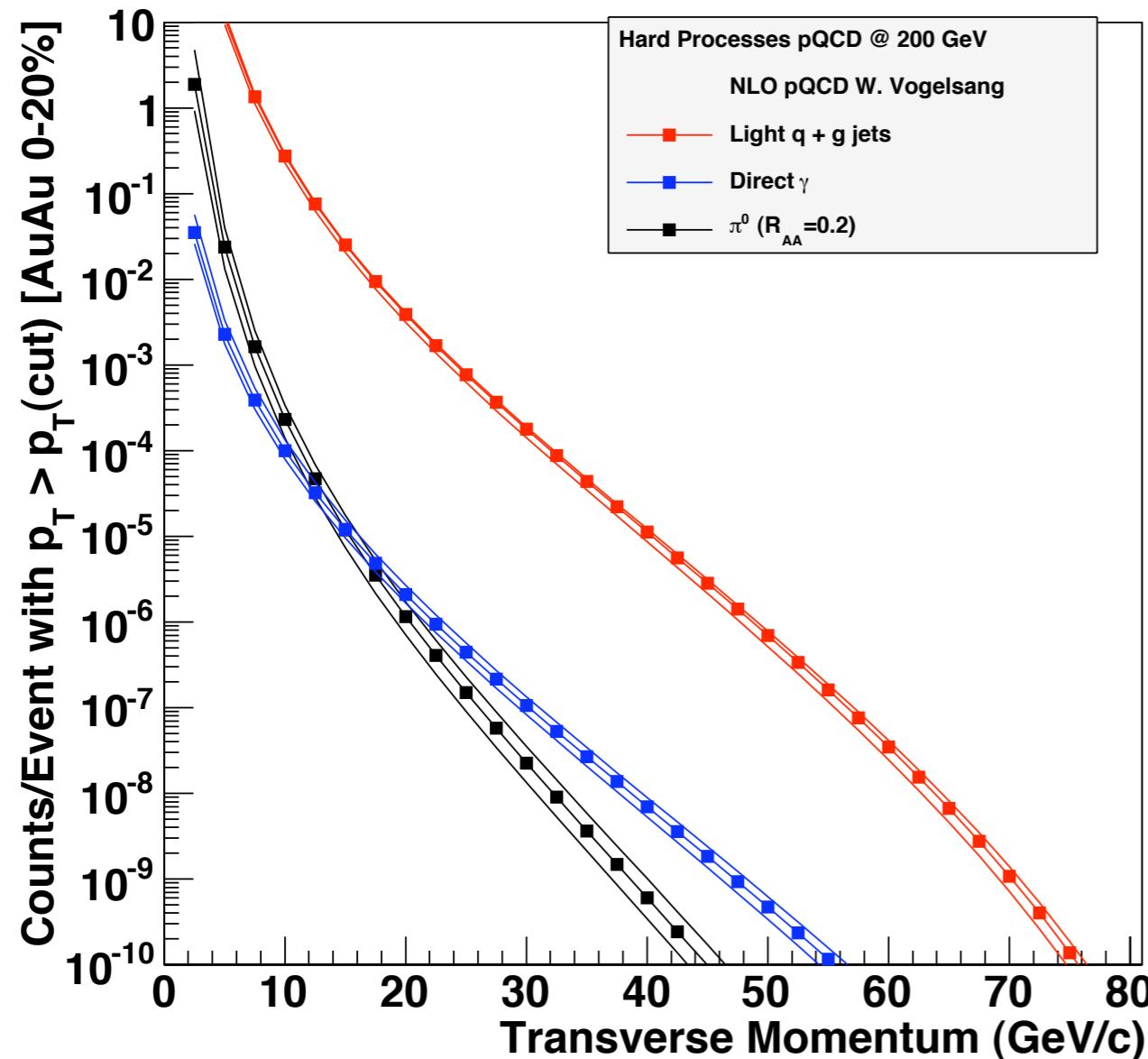
# why jets at RHIC?

- how do the jet modifications compare between collision energies?
- softer underlying event allows measurements of lower energy jets
- dijets with similar asymmetry & very different jet energy at RHIC and LHC would give insight into energy loss mechanisms
- collision system versatility at RHIC
- cold nuclear matter effects

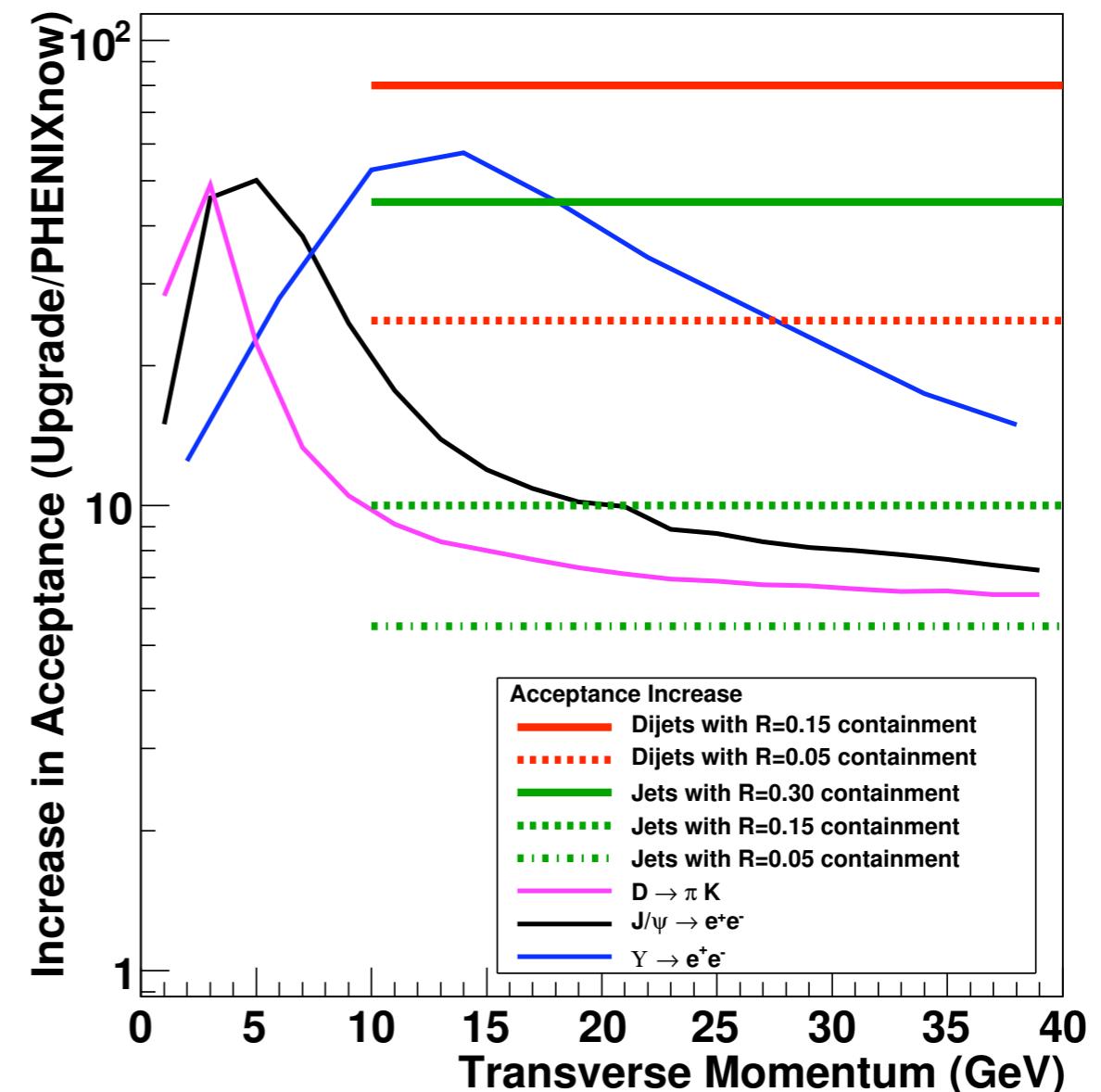
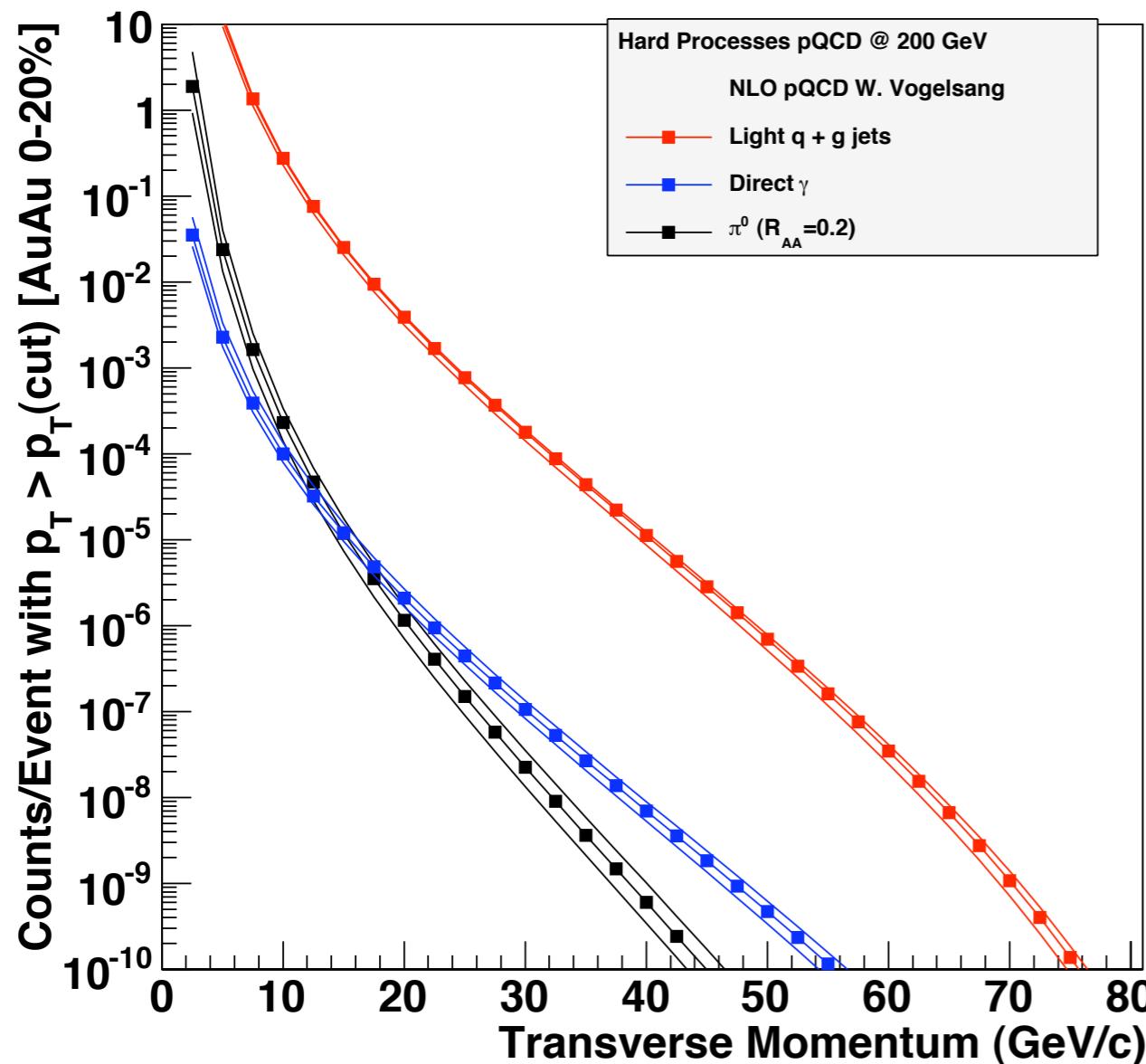
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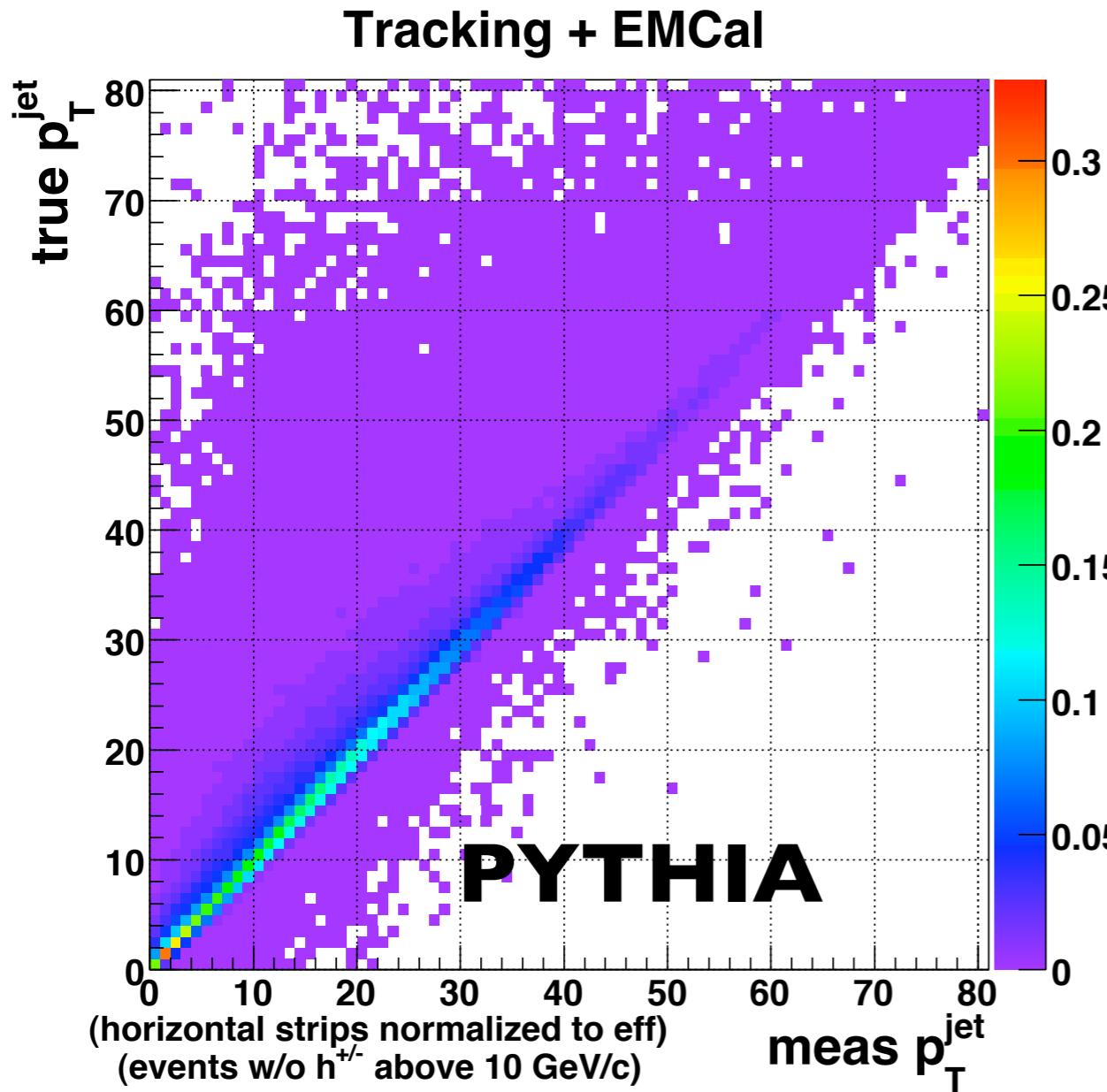
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  - 25B minimum bias events
  - allows not only jet measurements, but di-jet, jet shapes, quarkonia, heavy flavors...

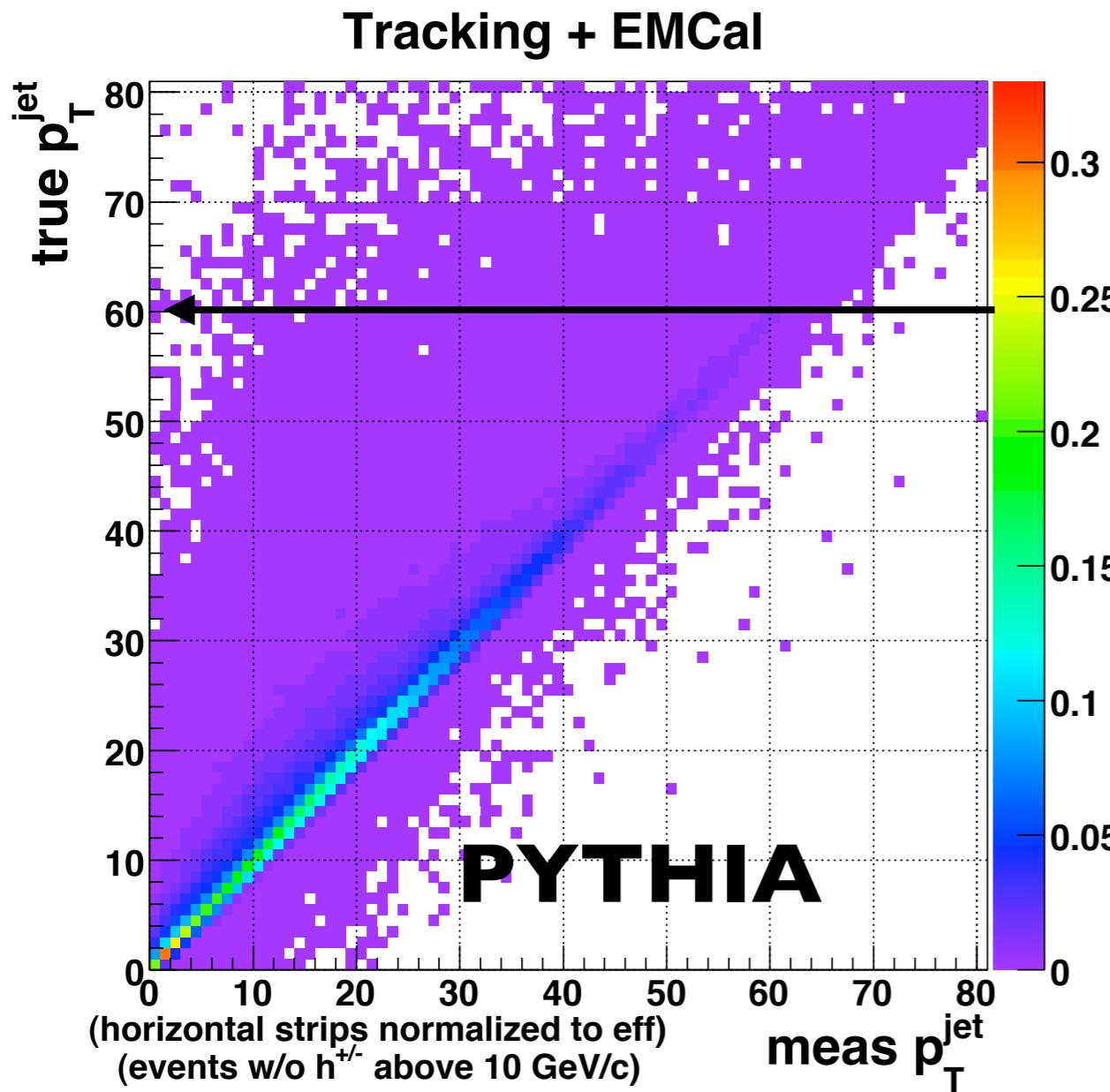
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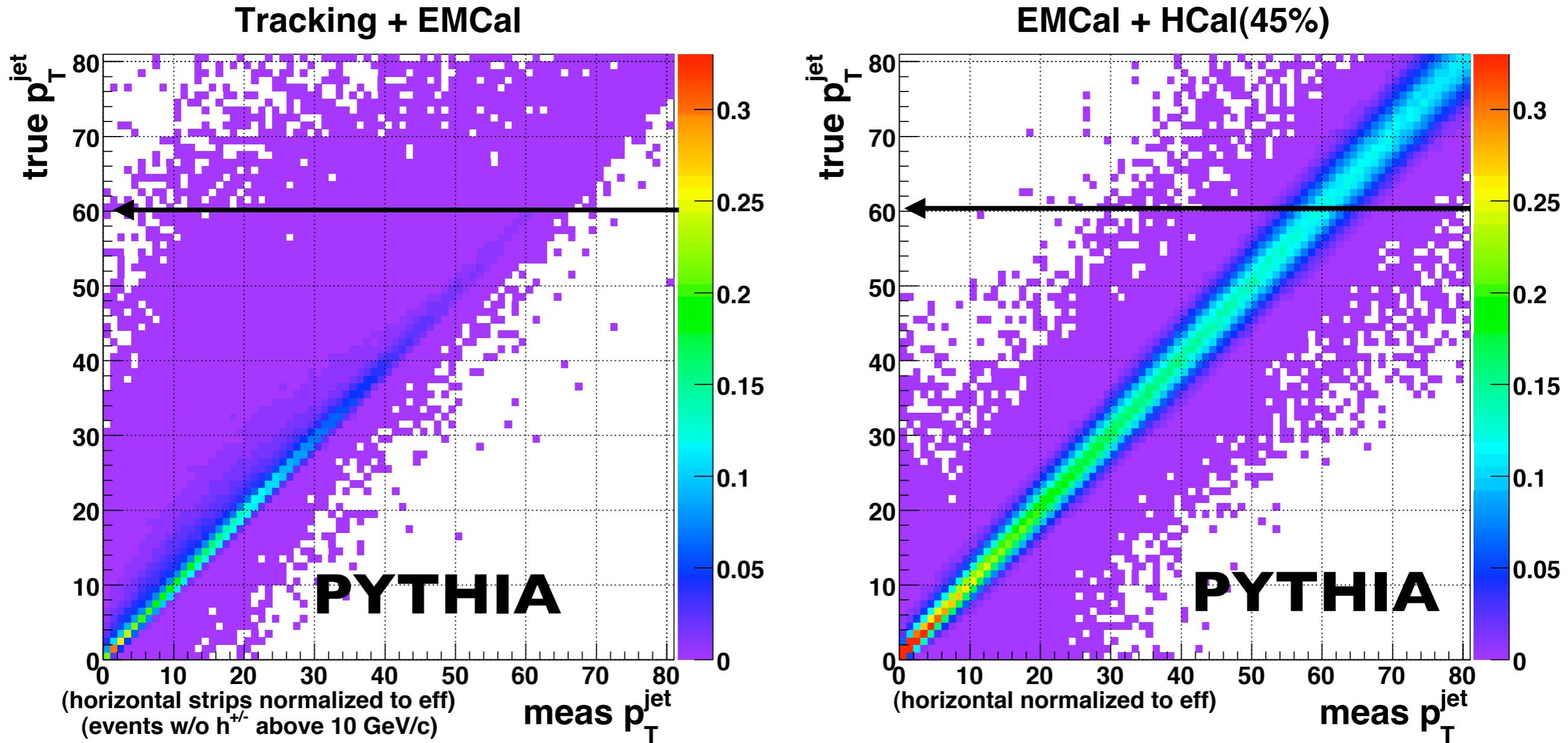
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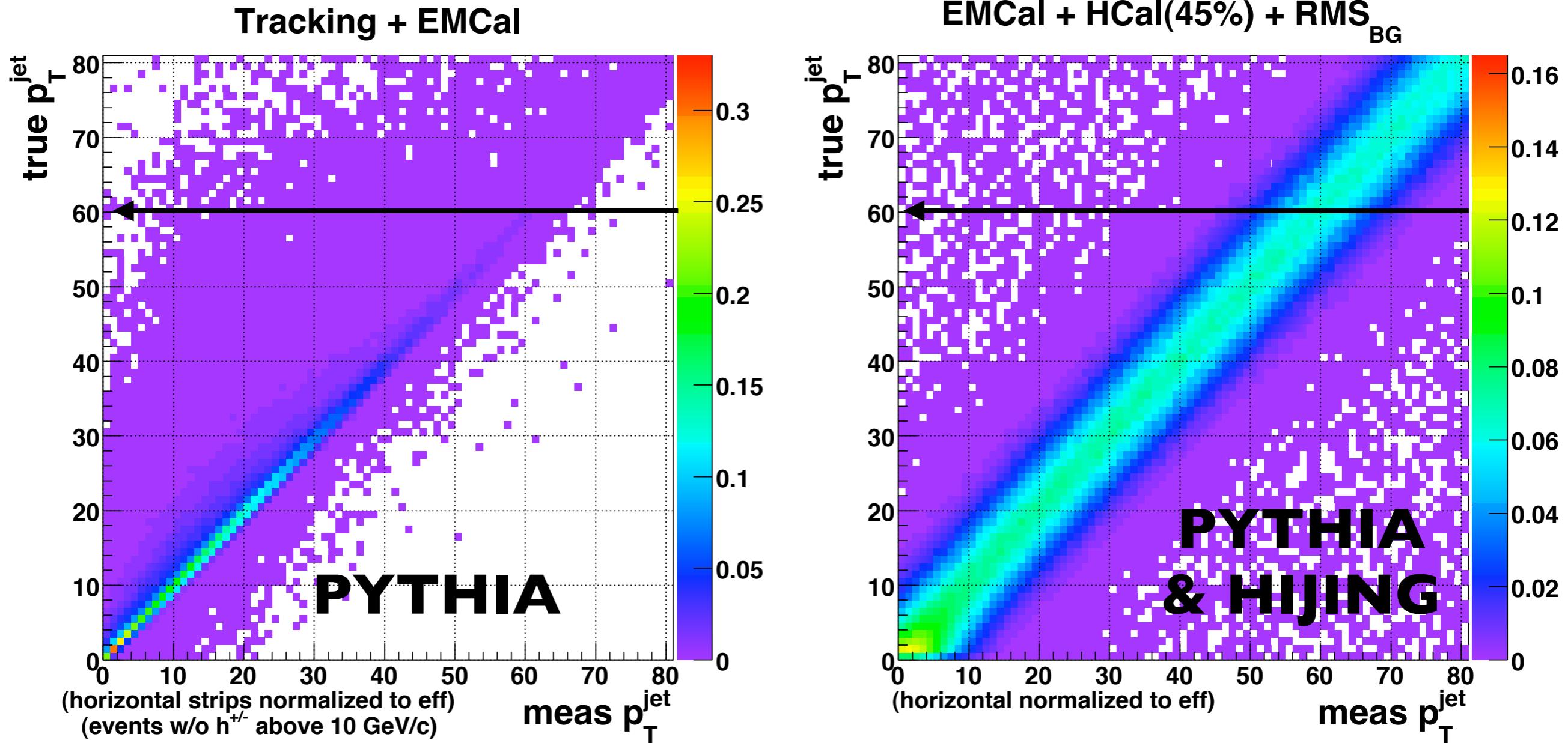
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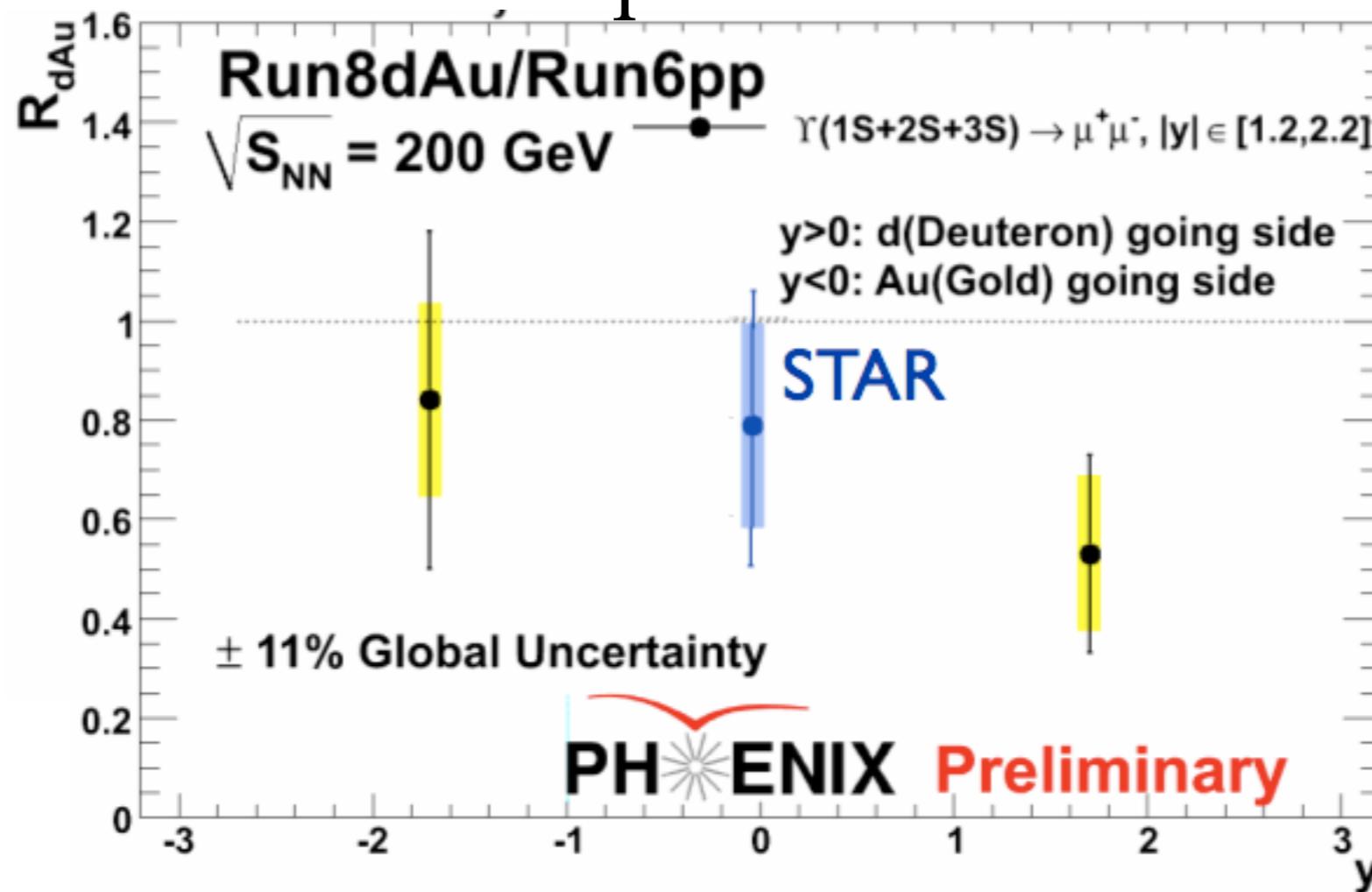


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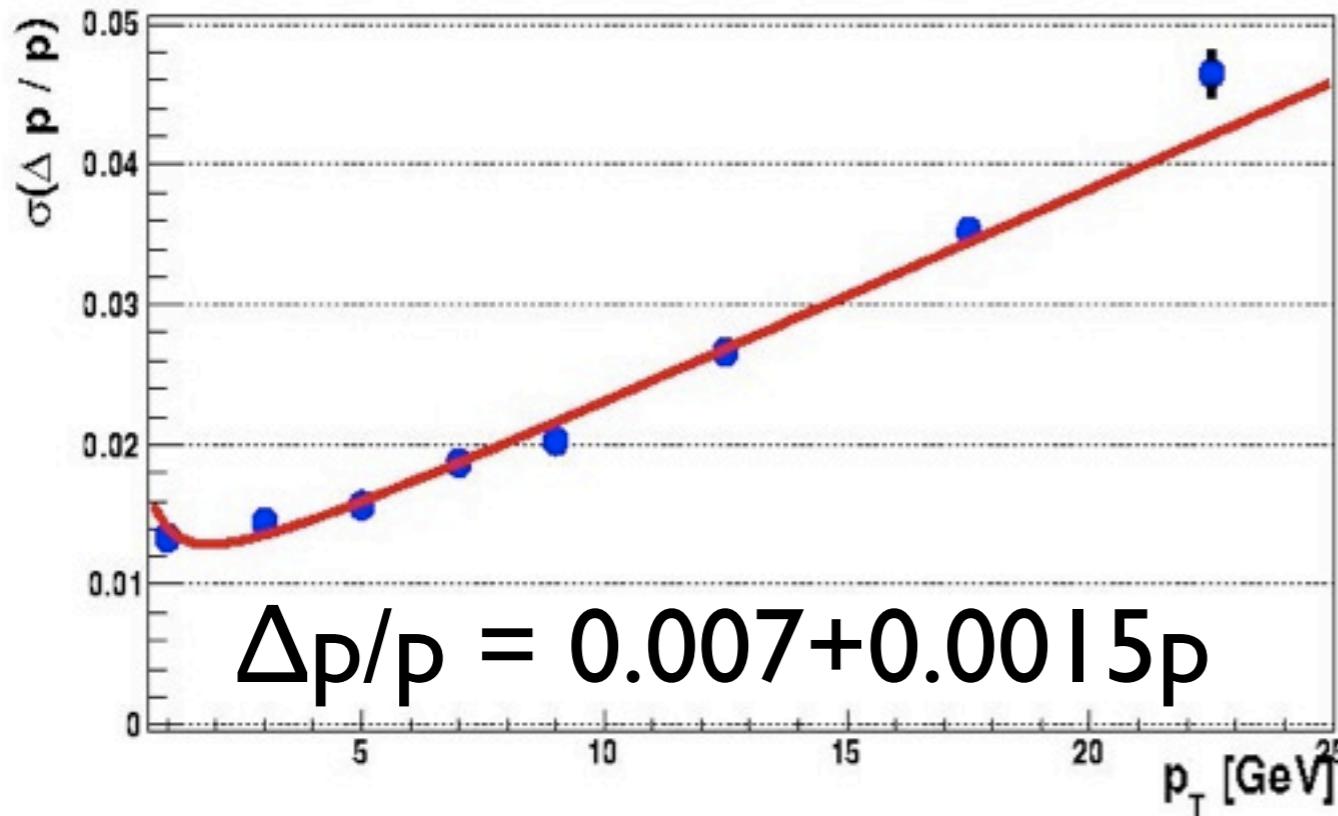


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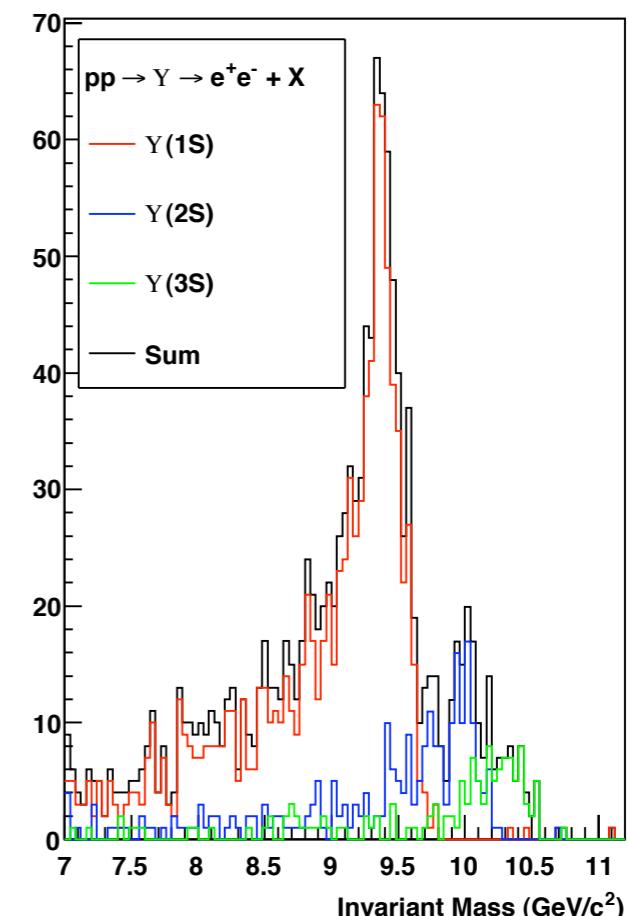
- measurements of  $J/\psi$ ,  $\psi'$ ,  $\chi_c$ , &  $\Upsilon$  states in a variety of systems
- quarkonia production, cold nuclear matter effects, final state effects

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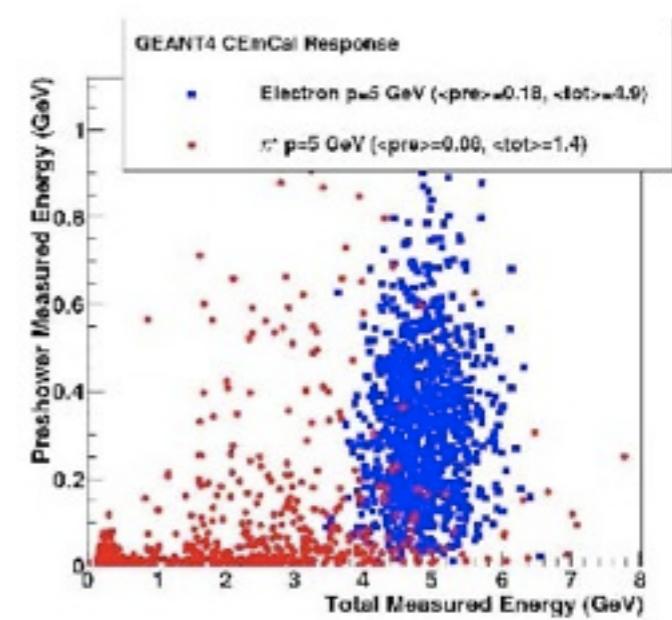


reasonable EMCAL occupancy  
even @ R=60cm

Energy Threshold (MeV)	Layer 1 Occupancy	Layer 2 Occupancy
0	26%	49%
5	15%	22%
10	12%	20%
20	10%	15%
30	7%	12%
40	6%	10%
50	5%	8%



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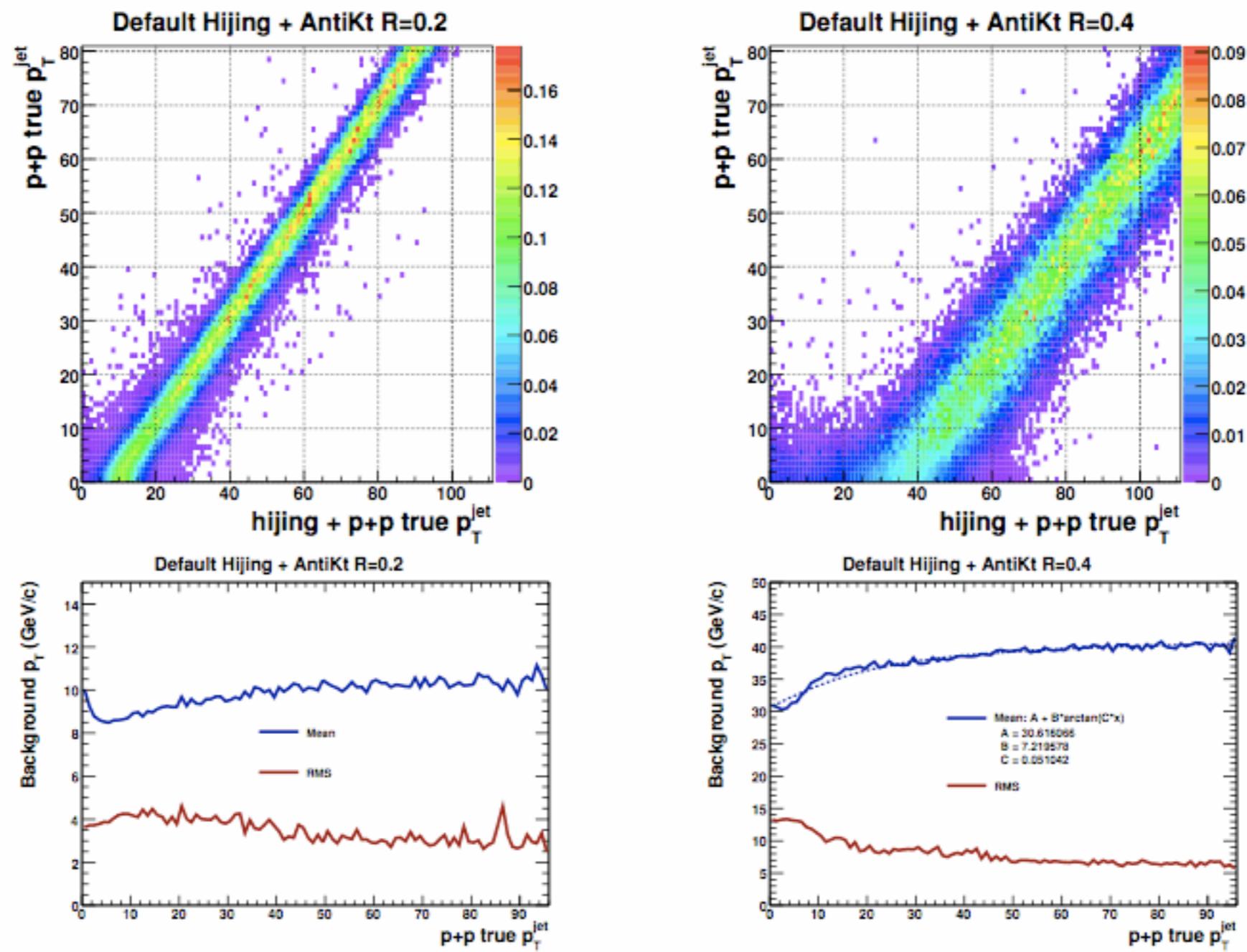
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- advance understanding of sQGP
  - qualitatively new measurements: jets, dijets, quarkonia, heavy flavor, ...
  - HCal, high rate and large acceptance
- new opportunities for eRHIC & spin physics
  - especially important in the forward direction
- sPHENIX heavy ions complementary to LHC and current RHIC measurements
- broad, flexible of physics within a single experiment allows for precise, systematic studies of QCD

# BACKUPS



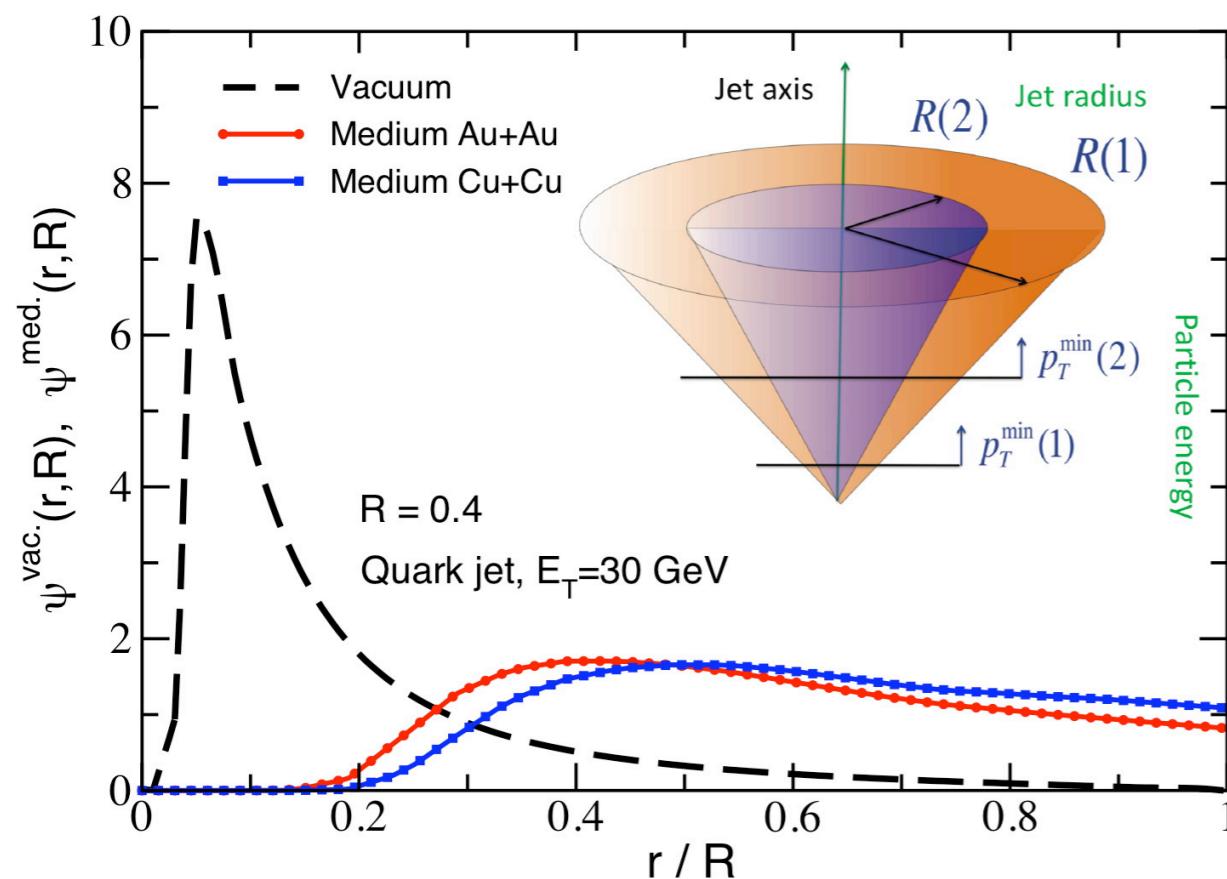
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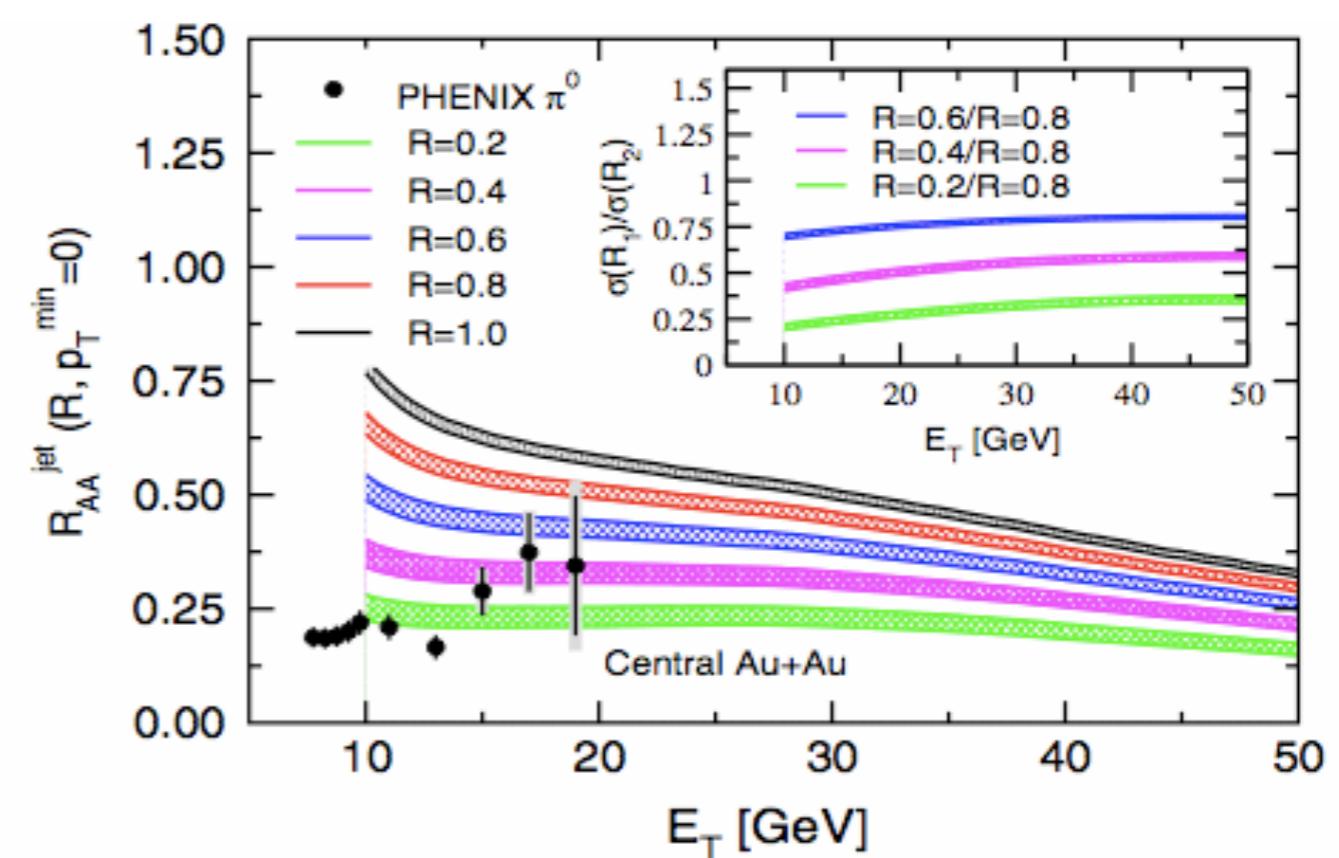
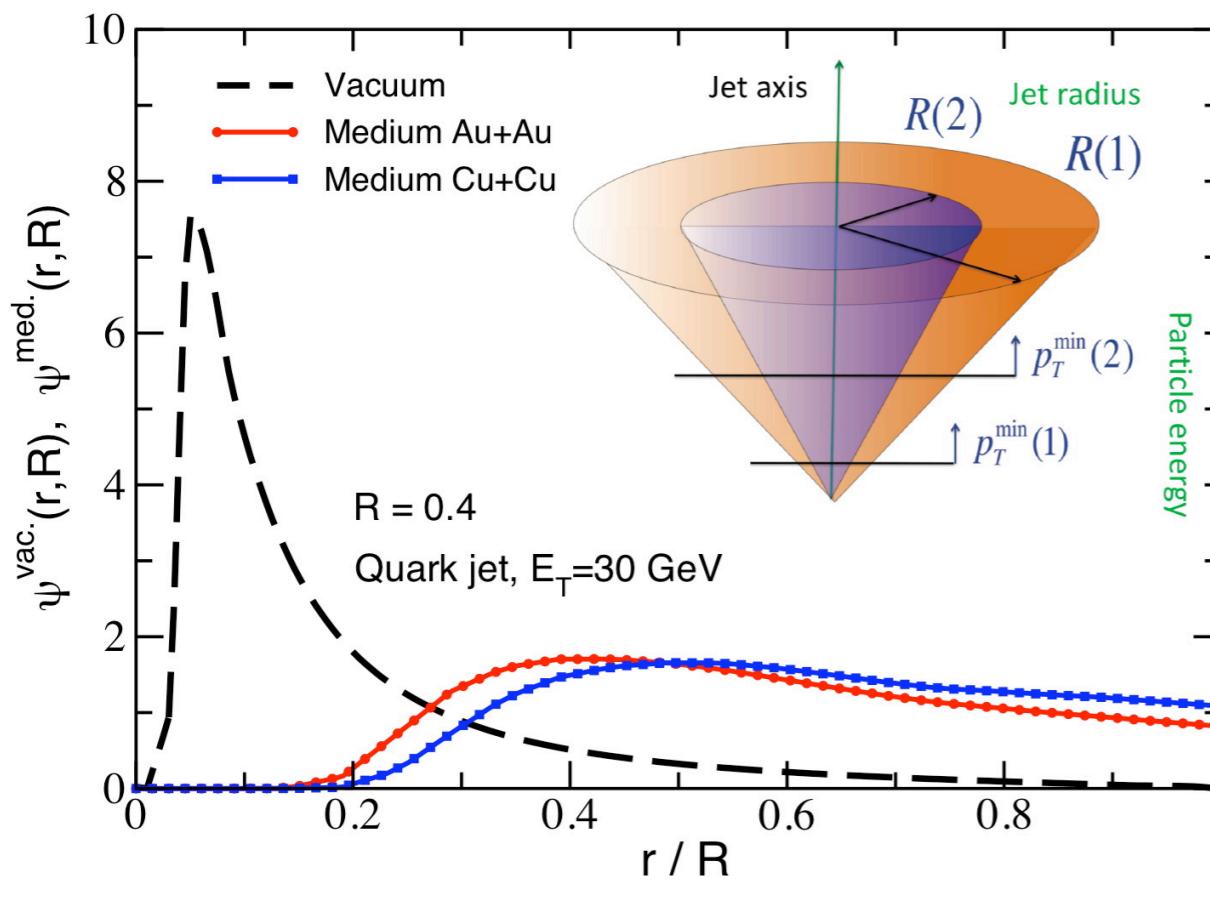
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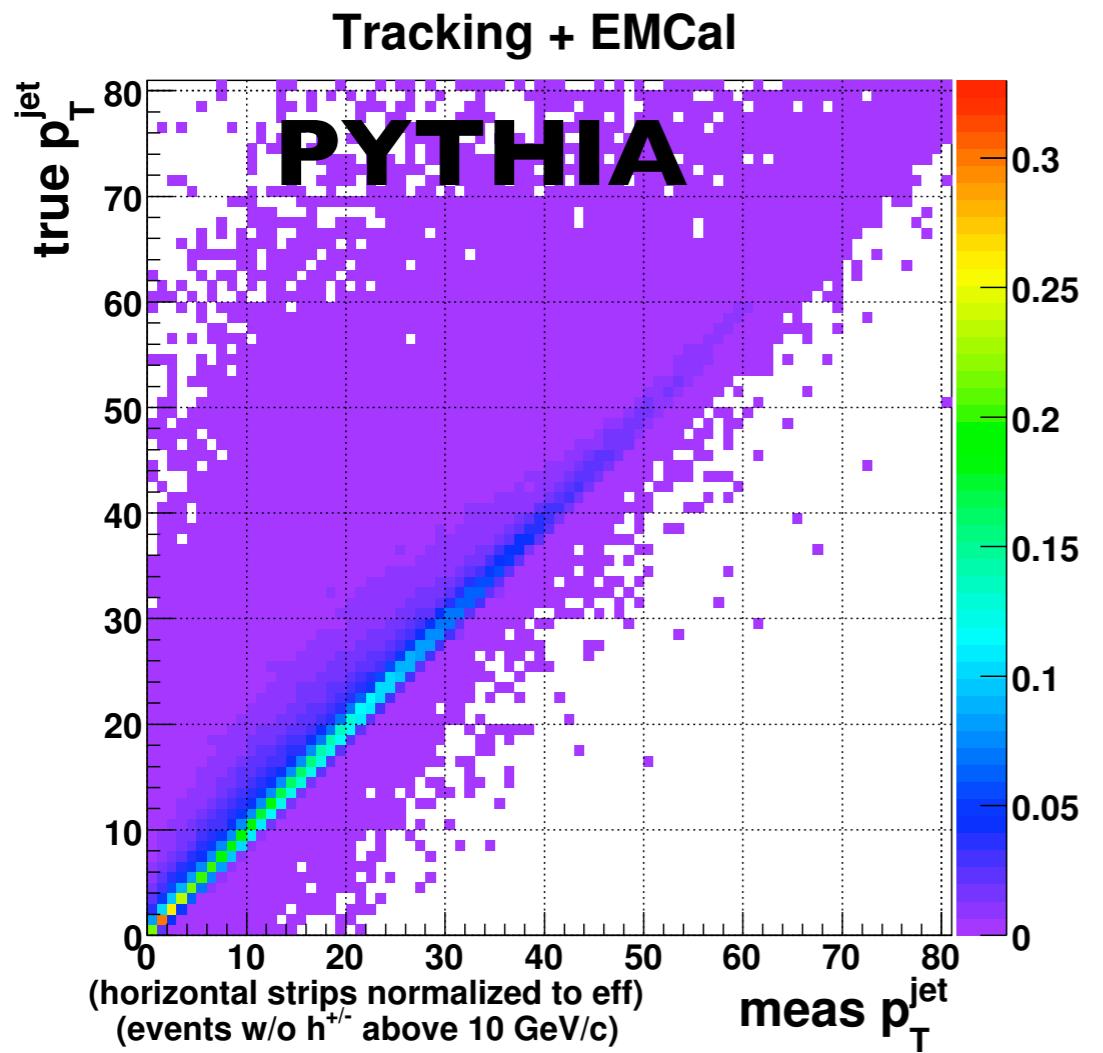
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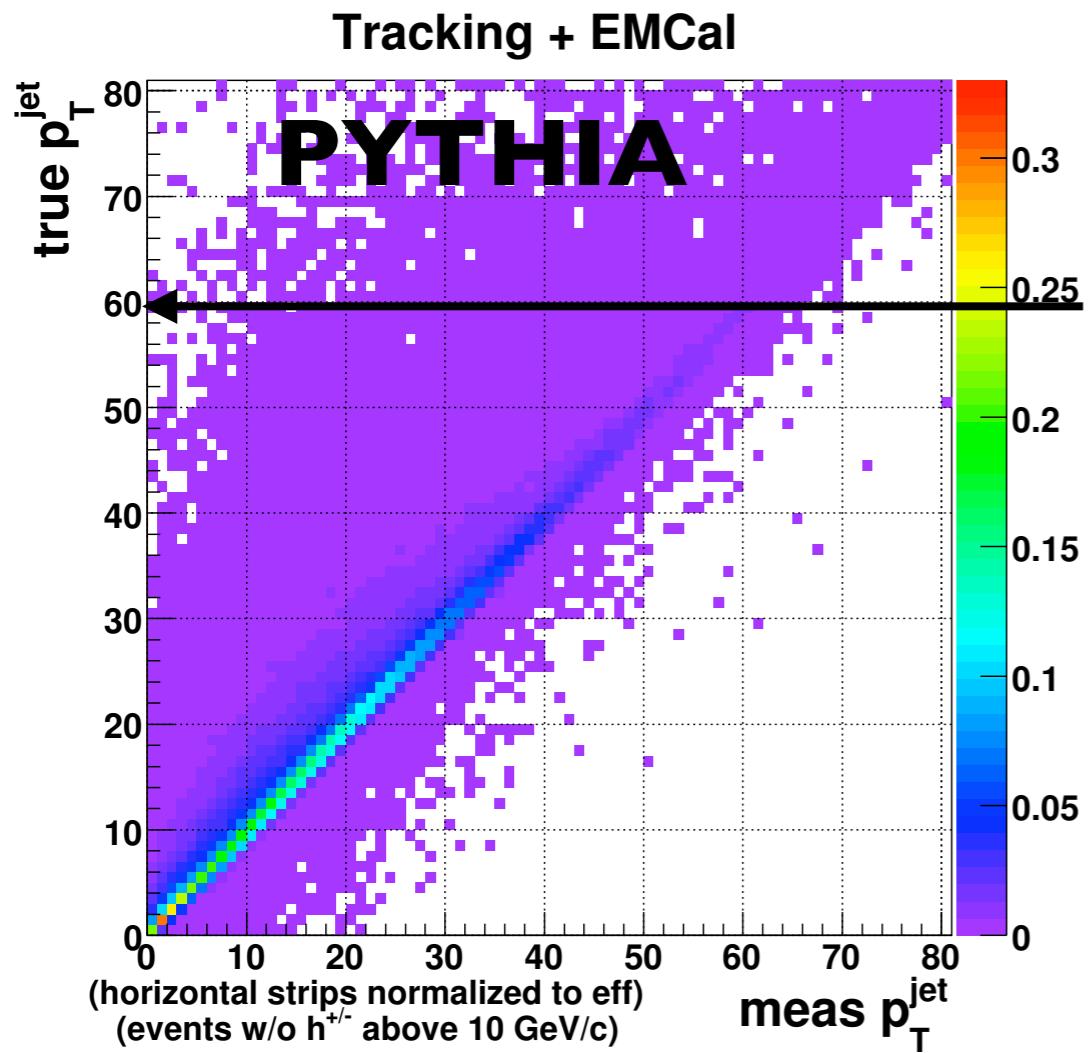


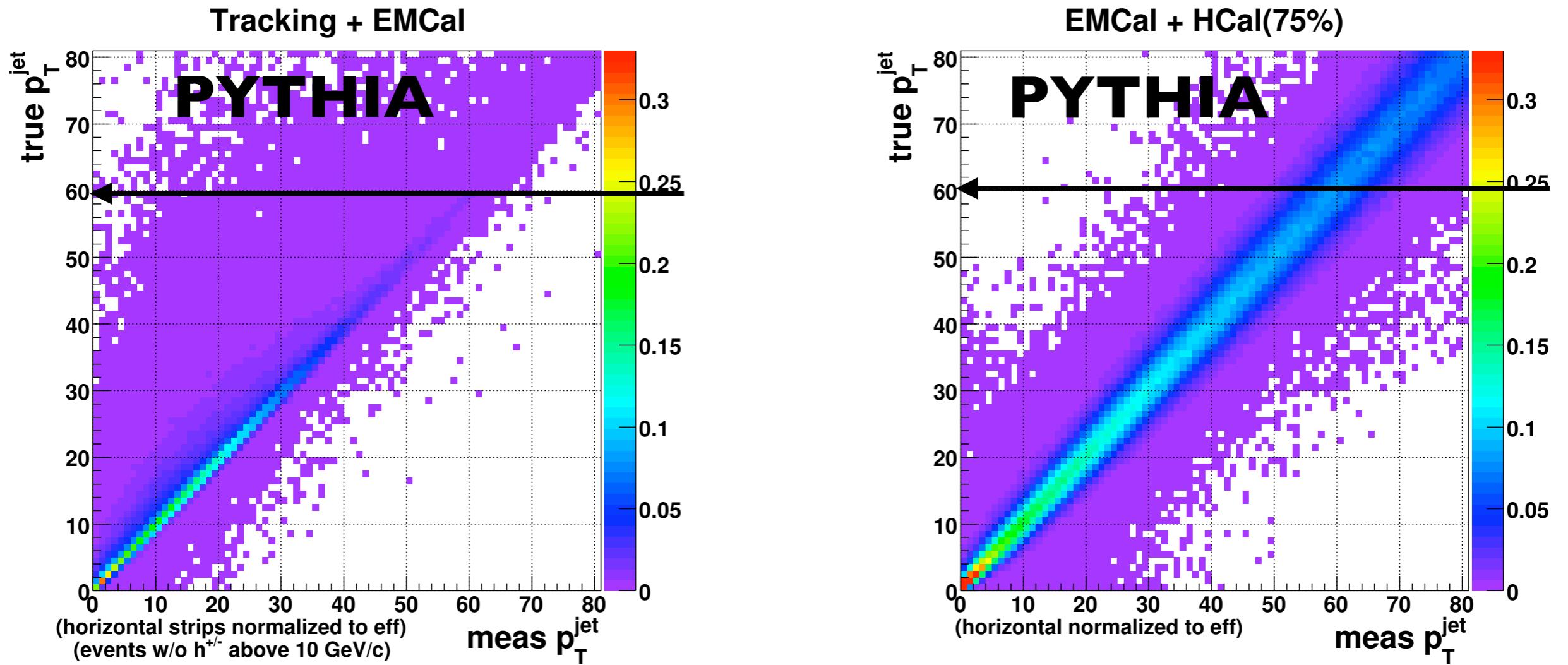
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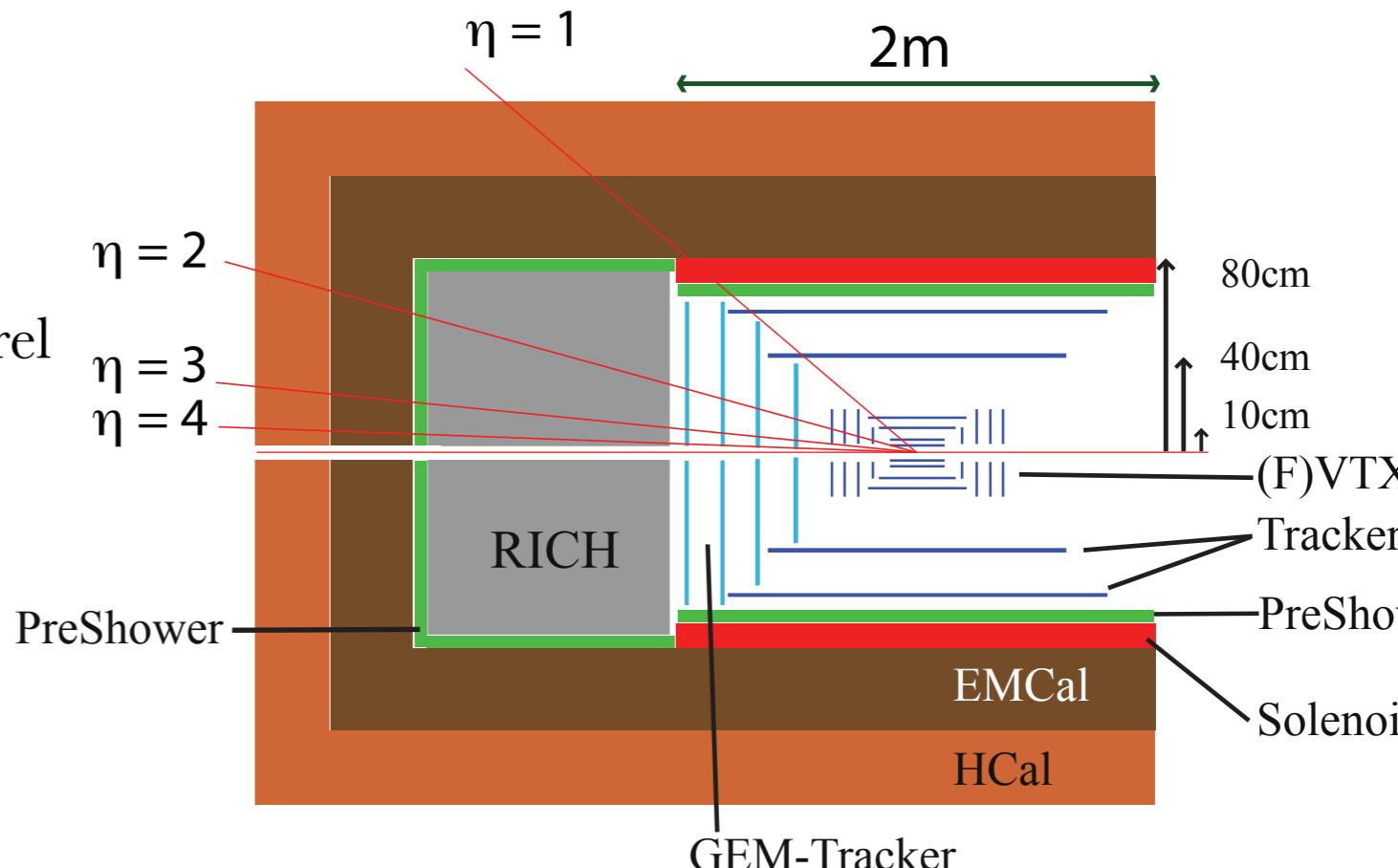






# PHENIX Decadal Upgrade Detector

- Carry over from existing PHENIX:
- VTX and FVTX
- EMCal in Forward Arm and perhaps barrel
- DAQ
- Infrastructure (LV, HV, Safety...)
- What is new:
  - 2-3T solenoid ( $R = 60\text{-}100\text{ cm}$ )
  - Preshower detector
  - Barrel EMCal (maybe new)
  - Hadronic Calorimetry
  - Additional tracking layer of Si at  $\sim 40\text{cm}$
  - Forward Arm with RICH and GEM tracker



Can be built incrementally